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11th „	EGYPT	7912		
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25th „	MACEDONIA	10813		
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9th „	CALEDONIA	7558		
16th „	ORIENTAL	5294	MONGOLIA	9505
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30th „	ORIENTAL	5084	INDIA	7911
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13th „	PENINSULAR	5294	VICTORIA	6522
20th „	OCEANA	6610		
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MASSILIA	J. Thomson	5,031	14th May „
OLYMPIA	C.P. Osborne	N.R.A. 194	27th „ „
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25	24 2	53 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
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LEAVE FOR INDIAN GOVERNORS.

DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

Lord Lamington on a Personal Matter.

SLY HIT AT LORD CURZON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 18.

In the House of Lords Lord Lamington asked the Government, to consider the advisability of amending the Statute by which the Viceroy of India, the Governors of Madras and Bombay and the Commander-in-Chief in India, are unable to obtain leave without resigning.

Lord Lamington declared that the regulation was antiquated and injurious to the public interest.

Lord Cross supported Lord Lamington, if there were sufficient safeguards.

Lord Curzon said he completely agreed with Lord Lamington, though the permission to take leave ought to be fenced with restrictions.

The Government of India, while he was Viceroy, proposed that a maximum absence of three months should be allowed once during the term of office, on grounds of public interest, ill-health or importunate private affairs.

Lord Beauchamp said that the Government were quite unable to agree. He pointed out the case of consulting officials in India by telegraph and said that there was considerable danger of interfering with the delicate adjustment of the Indian Government if the suggestion were carried out.

Lord Beauchamp asked the House to imagine a controversy between the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief, and asked: "Would Lord Curzon wish to see the Viceroy hurrying to catch the next steamer after the Commander-in-Chief if the latter were sent for home to consult the Council of India?"

Lord Curzon, interrupting, said that the case was ingenious and not without a personal application, but it was impossible that it could occur as either could only come home with the consent of the Council.

Lord Beauchamp, continuing, said that the case of India was exceptional owing to the responsibility which was concentrated on the individual.

If the consultations suggested became common there might be a tendency to transfer the Government of India to the Viceroy and the Home Cabinet. If public grounds were pleaded it would be difficult to draw any line and if it were a question of health, resignation would be desirable.

Lord Cromer said he was disappointed that the Government were not prepared to consider the proposal for which the public grounds were extremely strong.

The proposal, he said, would enable officers to keep in touch with English public life and would tend to continuity of policy in India.

Lord Ampthill condemned the suggestion as a dangerous constitutional innovation.

Lord Midleton recognized the advantages of an occasional personal confecence between the Government and high officials in India, especially the Commander-in-Chief, but said that it would be difficult to transfer the Viceroy's work to a substitute.

Lord Elgin said it would not increase confidence in the Government if the temporary succession of the Viceroy were left to the chance of who might be the Senior Member of the Council.

The subject then dropped.

GERMANY AND PERSIA.

Meaning of the Bagdad Railway.

AIMS IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

Prince von Bulow, interviewed by a correspondent of the "Novoe Vremya," said that Germany will continue to pursue a commercial policy in Persia.

He ridiculed the idea that the Baghdad Railway aimed at the ultimate seizure of Persia, and emphasised its international character, though, if necessary, it would be carried out with German capital alone.

In the Turco-Persian dispute, Germany had followed a pacifying rule, and advised the Porte to withdraw her troops and avoid a conflict.

Germany was not thinking of colonizing Asia Minor, or of acquiring a harbour in the Persian Gulf. Her aims were solely commercial.

THE PREMIER'S CONDITION.

Serious Report in the Lobby.

"VERY GRAVE."

A REASSURING BULLETIN.

LONDON, MARCH 17.

It was reported in the lobby of the House this evening that Sir H. Champbell-Bannerman's condition was very grave.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

This morning's bulletin states that Sir Henry Campbell. Bannerman passed a more comfortable day yesterday and that his chief symptoms are not worse. His strength has slightly improved.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

Rear-Admiral Sperry will replace Admiral Evans, who will retire owing to illness on the arrival of the Pacific Fleet at San Francisco.

HEAVY WEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Irish Champion Easily Defeated.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

In the fight for the World's Championship for stakes of £500 aside, plus a purse of £1,500, which came off at Dublin last night, Tommy Burns knocked out Roche, the Heavy-Weight Champion of Ireland, in one minute.

THE RIOTS IN HAYTI

ARRIVAL OF THE WARSHIPS.

Plot to Assassinate the Government.

GRAVE SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 17.

The British cruiser "Indefatigable" arrived at Port-au-Prince last evening, and the German warship "Bremen" arrives to-day.

The British Consul-General reports that the outbreak is undoubtedly anti-foreign.

The Haytian Government declares that a conspiracy was discovered to assassinate the President and Ministers, which had been hatched by General Firmin, leader of the rising which took place in January, from the French Consulate at Gonaives, where he has since been a refugee.

A despatch from Washington declares the situation to be grave, and that Hayti will not allow the refugees in the Legations to leave the country.

The cruiser "Desmoines" and the gunboat "Eagle" have been despatched to the scene.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

Telegrams from Port-au-Prince state that the Government has replied to the Foreign representatives granting their request to allow the refugees to leave the country, but insisting that the Consulates will not be permitted to become Asylums.

MOTOR ACCIDENT IN SPAIN.

Members of the Royal Suite Injured.

LUCKNOW, MARCH 18.

King Alfonso, accompanied by Prince Kuni and the Infante Fernando, made an excursion to Toledo yesterday, when a motor car containing the Spanish suite, collided with a tree and overturned.

The occupants were injured.

LATER.

The Spanish suite were not seriously injured in the motor accident.

King Alfonso and Prince Kuni visited the cathedral and returned to Madrid in the evening.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

Building Programme Delayed.

"TSUSHIMA DEPARTMENT" TO BE CLEANED FIRST.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

A telegram from St. Petersburg states that a meeting of the Committee of National Defence and of the Budget Sub-Committee of the Duma, favoured the rejection of the credit for new battleships, pending the reorganisation of the Ministry of Marine.

M. Stolypin said that the erection of the new fleet which the Tsar had ordered would be impossible if reproaches continued to be levelled at the so-called "Tsushima Department."

If the money for the fleet were refused, the international position of Russia would be lowered.

Nations who have been hit hard blows, he said, must show their vitality by striking with energy and eagerness for regeneration.

A DUEL ON PORT ARTHUR DISPUTE.

General Fock vs. General Smirnoff.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

A duel has taken place between General Fock and General Smirnoff, arising out of a dispute in connection with Port Arthur.

General Smirnoff was severely wounded.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, MARCH 18.

A telegram from Berlin announces the death of Gustav Oppert, the Sanscrit authority.

THE TINNEVELLY RIOTS.

Summary Trial and Punishment.

QUIET RESTORED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 18.

At Tuticorin yesterday Mr. Ashe, Joint Magistrate, disposed summarily of a number of cases in which the accused were charged with being members of an unlawful assembly in that on the forenoon of the day of riot they collected together on the road and refused to disperse when directed to do so by the police. Nine men were sentenced to imprisonment until the rising of the Court, three to one week, five to two weeks, seven to three weeks, and two to four weeks' simple imprisonment. A few more accused will be tried on Monday.

A Tinnevelly correspondent writes:—Though there is a feeling of discontent in certain quarters owing to non-release on bail of Chidambara Pillay and his two comrades, all of whom are now in Palamcottah Jail, matters have, generally speaking, resumed their normal quietness here, and at Tuticorin Reserve Police are patrolling the streets. Should there be any further demonstration the authorities are quite prepared to cope with the situation.

The appeal against the order of the Sessions Judge refusing to release Chidambara Pillai and other accused on bail will be presented before the Madras High Court this week, and the result of the High Court's decision is looked forward to with the greatest anxiety by accused's party. The Bazaars have been opened and everything is as it was previous to the riots.

A Notification appears in to-day's "Fort Saint George Gazette" quartering special forces of Punitive Police, in all 314 rank and file, on Tinnevelly, Tuticorin and the Union of Tachanallur for six months.

DEATH OF COLONEL BROWNRIGG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 18.

I regret to record the serious illness, from which Colonel Brownrigg R. E., was suffering when recently ordered home, had a fatal termination at sea on the 12th instaut.

Colonel Brownrigg was officiating a Commanding Royal Engineer, Fort St. George, when he met with a severe riding accident, but his appointment was Commanding Royal Engineer, Mhow.

MURRAY MEMORIAL DHARMSALA.

Gift of the Jats.

OPENING CEREMONY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, MARCH 17.

The Memorial Dharmsala, the gift of the Jat community, erected in the vicinity of the north of the Delhi Palace in the Fort, to Sir John Irvine Murray, K. C. B., was opened to-day forenoon by General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G. C. I. E., K. C. B., Commanding Northern Army.

It was a most brilliant function attended by numerous select Jat Officers and Sub-Officers, representing some 22 Indian cavalry and infantry regiments in every variety of picturesque uniform, many of these warriors and veterans wearing war decorations of Afghan and Frontier and Bhutan wars, China expedition and the Transvaal. A Guard-of-Honour was formed by the 14th Murray's Jat Lancers from Barielly and representatives of Jat Horse and Foot regiments from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 16th, 20th, 30th, 31st, 33rd, Cavalry and 6th, 10th, 12th, 48th, 96th, 97th, 102nd, 104th, 107th, 123rd and 125th Infantry. General Gaselee was supported by Major-General Henry C.B., R.E. and Staff, Brigadier-General J. H. Poett C.B., Majors Pell, D.S.O., and Maxwell and A.-D.-C. Lieutenant Shepherd. Brigadier-General C. L. Woolcombe, C. B. and Mrs. Woolcombe, the latter, the daughter of Sir John Irvine Murray and grand-daughter of Brigadier-General Kitson were present; also the Commissioner Mr. Meredith, Delhi Division, the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Humphreys, of Delhi, and Colonel Searle and Officers of the Delhi Garrison, the Royal Irish Regiment officers wearing the shamrock.

In presenting a silver casket to General Gaselee, the following address in Urdu was read by Risaldar Suraj Mall of 14th Murray's Jat Lancers:—

"We, Jat Raises, Officers and soldiers, loyal and faithful servants of his Majesty's Government, beg to thank you for coming to take part in this ceremonial. In the troublous times of 1857-58 it was well known how loyal and steadfast the Jat population of the Jumna and Ganges, Doab and Rohtak and Hissar districts supported the British Government, and it was then that the late General Sir John Murray raised the 14th Jat Horse which has performed such excellent service, not only in Hindustan but in Bhutan and in the Afghan War. Also many other regiments wherein the Jats have served and are serving the State. The recruiting of Jats, both in his own Regiment and generally in service, was due to Sir John Murray who, by his example and sympathy, taught us to discharge our duties as soldiers."

After detailing General Murray's meritorious war services the address concluded:—

"Although absent from India the Jats and his regiment were not absent from his thought until death in 1902. To perpetuate the memory of his kindness and sympathy with all Jats to whom He endeared himself, we have erected this Dharmsala which I now ask you to declare open."

Sir Alfred Gaselee replied, suitably adding:—"Sir John under whom I had the honor of serving endeared himself to all ranks by his unvarying kindness and sympathy which will never be forgotten by those whose good fortune it was to be associated with him. His services have been enumerated and you have also described the special claim he had upon the Jats in bringing forward your warlike qualities and particularly in raising the 14th Murray's Jat Horse, so many of which distinguished regiment I am pleased to see here to-day. Your presence is evidence of the recollection which many of you have of your first Commanding Officer and the estimation in which he is held by you and this Memorial will serve to keep alive in the hearts of your children the memory of one who, till the day of his death, cherished in his mind the welfare of the Jats for whom he had done so much.

"I now declare the Memorial open and trust that it will prove of lasting benefit to many who may have occasion to visit Delhi City."

Mention was also made of a further sum necessary as endowment for its up-keep, General Gaselee and Colonel Wingate, of the 14th, initially subscribing.

Presentations of Jat Veterans and civil representatives of Jats in districts followed, touching homage being rendered to Mrs. Woolcombe as Sir John's daughter by veteran Jat pensioners present who were associated in war service with the late gallant General.

PROSECUTION OF LIEUT. WATTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COONOOR, MARCH 18.

The further hearing of the case against 2nd Lieutenant H. Watts, 2nd Dorset Regiment, for alleged house-breaking, etc, commenced yesterday, at Ootacamund, before Mr. L. E. Buckley. Rungiah Gounden, the proprietor of the Nilgiri Tonga Co., made a statement similar to the one he made, when the case was first enquired into, particulars of which have already been reported. The witness was put to a severe cross-examination, by Mr. Schmidt, Pleader for accused, who also pointed out certain discripancies in his statements. Finally, the Pleader filed Rungiah Gounden's original statement, as an exhibit. In cross-examination, witness deposed that he was not angry with Lieutenant Watts, because he kept the carriage late. Rungiah Gounden emphatically denied that Lieutenant Watts sustained any injury from his men; he could not state, which of the three officers, Lieutenants Wigley, McCarthy or Watts, all three of whom, he alleged, were present, committed the particular mischief during the disturbance at his house, which lasted for two hours; no outsider, except Rungiah Gounden's own people, was present at the scene. Mr. Ramarao, Pleader, who drew up the complaint, for Rungiah Gounden, of alleged mischief committed by Lieutenant Watts, was put into the witness-box. He deposed that on the day after the disturbance, he saw Rungiah Gounden in a melancholy mood; he swore to various damages alleged to have been done by Lieutenant Watts; the Pleader drew up the complaint and handed it to a Constable, whom he could not name for submission to the Station House Officer.

REDISTRIBUTION OF MADRAS DISTRICTS.

Scheme Referred to Local Government.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 18.

The scheme for the redistribution of the Districts of this Presidency has been referred to the Local Government for further information in regard to certain details now under consideration. It will be some time before final orders are issued by the Government of India.

THE MATRICULATION FAILURES.

Committee of Inquiry Appointed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 18.

The Syndicate of the Madras University has appointed a Special Committee, consisting chiefly of Educationists, to enquire into and report upon the abnormal failures in the Matriculation Examination not only at the last Examination but also in previous years.

THE Report of the Pasteur Institute of Southern India for last year which has just been issued shows 186 cases to have been treated including 33 Europeans, 28 Eurasians, 125 Asiatics, all of which proved successful. The Central Committee appeals to the public for financial help to establish the institute on a permanent basis and extend its scope of usefulness.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE CLEVELAND SCHOOL FIRE.

Holocaust of Children.

HEART-RENDING DETAILS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, MARCH 18.

London, March 7.—The latest details of the holocaust of the Lake View Common School, at Cleveland, Ohio, indicate the enormity of the catastrophe, due to all the children—3,600—leaving the classes at once. 178 perished.

The fire commenced in the basement of the six storeyed structure during the morning. The school alarm sounded. The children thought the fire was somewhere else and laughed. The smoke began to enter the rooms. "Sit quiet," said the teachers at first. But panic arose and the children rushed pell-mell downstairs, only to be killed instantly or to be caught in the arms of the spectators.

Flames swept up the staircases like a river and the whole structure was ablaze. The firemen played their hoses on the building. Masses of little children were overrun by bigger ones. Once outside the doorway a few were pulled out, but the stench of the burning bodies drove the rescuers back. The police had to use force to keep the distracted parents back. The children in the basement in the meanwhile were writhing in heaps The roof fell in upon them and soon the place was practically a ruin and it was found the lower corridors were already choked. The pupils from the lower class-rooms were struggling frantically for life. Suddenly the lower floor collapsed and scores were precipitated into the basement finding the exits blocked. Many retraced their steps, only to encounter more children and the flames. Hundreds of frantic parents and workmen from factories gave assistance. One father in trying to drag his little girl from beneath the pile of the dead pulled her arms out their sockets. Many leaped from the windows and shambles and the fire raged.

When the ruins were explored subsequently, the heads and limbs of the children fell away at a touch. Many could only be identified by pocket trinkets and knives. 172 children perished and 9 teachers. A merchant, named Upton, saved 18 children. The outbreak was caused by an overheated furnace. The Fire Brigade ladders only could reach the third storey. The corridors were human sardine-tins.

Recent German Trouble in East Africa.

75,000 NATIVES STARVED TO DEATH.

In the Reichstag Herr Dernburg, Colonial Secretary, stated, that during the recent troubles in German East Africa, it became necessary to seize all available food supplies, either to weaken the enemy or feed the German force, and in consequence 75,000 natives were starved to death.

Big Fire in Marseilles.

The buildings belonging to the Marseilles Chamber of Commerce were burnt down, the damage being several million francs. An area of 10,000 square metres was destroyed.

Option of Suicide Instead of Gallows.

The friends of Captain von Goben, the murderer of Major von Schoneback in East Prussia in December last, secured him an opportunity of escaping the gallows by committing suicide in his cell at Allenstein, which he accepted.

Noiseless, Flashless Gun.

PATENT SOLD TO AMERICA.

A Swiss American Engineer has offered the American Government the patent rights of an automatic noiseless and flashless gun for a million sterling.

Railway Robbery at Cologne.

While a railway train was standing at Cologne yesterday Herr Meyerstein, a passenger from Gussen, was robbed of £30,000 sterling in Bank notes and shares.

Germany and England.

STRUGGLE FOR NAVAL SUPREMACY.

Herr Vonrak, retired German Legation Councillor, in an article in "Der Tag," declares that Germany's hope of so modifying her naval inferiority to Britain that in the event of a struggle this inferiority will not be hopeless, is based on her anticipation that British Liberals will build fewer ships, in view of the financial requirements of her social policy.

ALL INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Meeting at Aligarh

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIGARH, MARCH 18.

A special general meeting of the All India Muslim League was held here this morning. There was a large attendance of members from all the provinces of India. Among those present were Nawab Vikar-ul-Mulk, Honorary Secretary, Khan Bahadur Mozamilla Khan, Honorable Shahdeen, Khan Bahadur Mohamed Shafe, Khan Bahadur Yousafshah, Moulvi Rafiuddin Ahmad, Sahebzada Aftab, Ahmed Khan, Barrister Yakub Hasan, Sait Syed Nabiulla, Barrister Fazle Husain, Barrister Sahid Hnsain, Barrister Khan Bahadur Ghulam Sudig, Major Syed Hasan Bilgrami, Shaik Abdul Kadir, Barrister Habibul Rahmankhan, Jagirdar Sajimoosa Khan and others.

Khan Bahadur Muzamilla Khan welcomed the members as Chairman of the Reception Committee. Honorable Mian Mohamed Shahdeen was voted to the chair. After the election of additional members, representing various provinces, the Secretary announced a donation of Rs. 500 from His Highness the Aga Khan who was unable to be present at the meeting.

It was proposed by Nawab Vikar-ul-Mulk and unanimously resolved that the League should co-operate with and support financially and otherwise the British Committee recently founded in London under the presidency of Syed Amirali in whom the League had perfect confidence. A Provincial League for the Punjab was formally established. Important matters in connection with the constitution and future working of the League were discussed and decided. The meeting then adjourned till to-morrow.

KARACHI FREIGHTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, MARCH 18.

Freights.—The market has been absolutely lifeless during the past week and the bookings were nil. The only engagements to report are the charters by Chagandass of the s. s. "Maum" for Antwerp, March loading, at 11s. 6d. and the s. s. "Acara" picked ports, late March loading, at 11s. The rates are purely nomenal.

A PONDICHERRY correspondent states by a decree of the President of the French Republic, an increase in the number of Communes to 17 and a redistribution of the areas of existing bodies in French India has been sanctioned, to secure more efficient work and a more faithful recording of votes during elections. The election of Councillors by universal suffrage, will take place some time next month. The Deputy for French India is expected at Pondicherry by the 17th proximo to be present during the Municipal Elections, but the Governor-elect, Mons. Bonhown, will take charge, after the elections. Mons. Rognon, the Acting Governor, will conduct the elections.

VICEROY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-day's Business.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 18.

The official programme for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General, comprises the presentation of the the Budget Statement, by Mr. Baker; the presentation, by Mr. Erle Richards, of the Select Committee's report, upon the Limitation of Suits; Bill; the introduction, by Dr. Rash Behari Ghose, of a Bill to give greater facilities to the public for calling for, and inspecting, accounts of, Public Charities, and the introduction by Mr. Erle Richards, of a Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency in the Presidency Towns and in Rangoon.

RICE SUPPLY TO CEYLON COOLIES.

Delegates Sent to Burma to Enquire.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, MARCH 18.

Mr. F. Crosbie Roles, Editor of the "Times of Ceylon" has arrived in Rangoon and is accompanied by Mr. James Ryan, representing the Ceylon planting interest. The object of the visit to Burma is to inquire as to the possibility of the export of a suitable quality of rice to Ceylon which the coolies on the plantations there might adopt as their staple ration. The price of rice at present in Ceylon is a serious handicap to planters in the employment of labour.

THE ELLERMAN STEAMER SERVICE.

From Karachi to Marseilles.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, MARCH 18.

A Special Train, with a dining car, arrived from Lahore at the Keamari Wharf puntually at eight this morning alongside the "City of Karachi." The passengers embarked immediately and the steamer sailed at 10-30 for Marseilles and Plymouth, with a total of eighty passengers, all well.

DEATH OF MRS. BOMPAS FROM CHOLERA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 18.

The death occurred, at Calcutta, of Mrs. C. H. Bompas, wife of the Magistrate of Alipore. The death, it appears, was due to cholera. The deceased lady was in her usual health on Monday and was taken ill after dinner. The funeral took place in Lower Circular Road Cemetery, this afternoon.

INDIAN TRADE IN CHINA.

Mr. Shellim and the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

The large gathering at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday says the "Hongkong Daily Telegraphs" had, besides the principal question which attracted such a representative assembly to the annual meeting of the merchants of Hongkong, to deal with the resolution for the amendment of the rules of the constitution of the Chamber, proposing that the members of the Committee should be increased from 9 to 10 representatives. We understand that it was believed a ballot might be called for after the passing of the resolution in question, and, in order to ensure the return by balloting of the gentleman who it was desired should be appointed to the Committee to represent the Indian trade of Hongkong, those interested and engaged in that trade made it a point to be present to secure the election of their nominee. No ballot was demanded, however, the election being left in the hands of the Committee. We learn on reliable authority to-day that as the result of the confidence reposed in the Committee to respect the wishes of the commercial community most concerned, Mr. Edward Shellim, managing partner of the firm of Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co., Ld., has been appointed a member of the general Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. That this election will be acclaimed with every mark of popular approval there cannot be the slightest question, from the expressions of opinion which have reached us both from mercantile and shipping circles when the announcement was made that Mr. Shellim had received the letter of invitation to join the Committee of the Chamber. Mr. Shellim is no newcomer to Hongkong or the Far East for that matter. For some time in the nineties he was associated with the trade of China and India as member of the firm of David Sassoon and Co. in Shanghai; and in 1898 he was elected a member of the Municipal Council in the Northern Settlement. It is a coincidence, and one which should tend to promote the interests of the Chamber, and conduce to the harmony which has marked the counsels of the Committee, that its Chairman, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, was a colleague of Mr. Shellim in the Shanghai Council; and now he has had the privilege of inviting his former collaborateur to join the body over which he presides with so much distinction and ability. Mr. Shellim was also a member of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, so that besides bringing his personal influence to bear in the direction of affairs in the local Chamber he possesses the experience of the working of a similar organization in the important port on the Yangtse. Mr. Shellim was first known in Hongkong in 1890. He assumed the management of the firm with which he is connected in 1902. This old established firm—perhaps the very oldest surviving firm connected with the Indo-Chinese trade—is so well known that it is unnecessary to expatiate upon the extensive ramifications of its business, beyond stating them in general terms. The firm is known in connection with its opium and yarn trade and as owners of considerable property in Hongkong. Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co. are agents for the Apcar Line of steamers, conducting the emigration, freight and opium trade between Calcutta and Hongkong, and latterly with Shanghai, and Japan. Besides being large importers of yarn and opium, the firm deals in general merchandise, such as piece goods from Manchester, metals, and it also receives consignments of Indian wheat for China. With regard to Mr. Shellim's personal qualifications for the position to which he has been appointed we have said enough to support the statement that his election means a genuine acquisition to the counsels of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank, and is on the directorate of several of the leading public companies in Hongkong. He carries a level head and is possessed of great business capacity; moreover, he has the friendship and esteem of the British and Chinese communities and of his own in particular. The difficulties of the yarn trade and the opium question, the latter of which brought about the abortive attempt to inaugurate the Nanking opium monopoly, saw Mr. Shellim as one of the chief advisers of those whose interests were affected, and which were at one time threatened by the troubles which beset these two branches of trade during the past eighteen months. Under all circumstances the firm of David Sassoon & Co. has been regarded as the originators of movements for reform and actions for redress when the special branches of Indian trade were menaced either by attempted extinction or by the action of combined corporations or that of the provincial governments of China as exemplified in the case of the Nanking monopoly. The weight which the firm has under its control both in India and London by virtue of its connections, and the strength of the financial backing which it can command, undoubtedly invest Mr. Shellim at once with an authority and a power which must certainly have influence in the deliberations of a body whose main object is the promotion and fostering of the trade upon which this Colony's prosperity depends. While congratulating Mr. Shellim upon the honour of the appointment, we desire to record our appreciation as voicing a very large section, and that by no means the least important, namely the Chinese section of the mercantile community of the Colony upon the nomination by the Chamber of Commerce of the gentleman, who would have been the very one elected had the Committee thought fit to consult the general body of the members of the Chamber.

BOMBAY JACKAL CLUB POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

A Most Successful Meeting.

The annual Bombay Jackal Club Point-to-Point races came off yesterday at Bomanvadi, a well-known part of the hunting district. A special train was as usual arranged for and everything in fact was done for the comfort of visitors, of whom there was a large number. Mr. E. M. Webb has to be congratulated, as Honorary Secretary, on the great success of this popular fixture, being assisted by Mr. H. E. E. Proctor as Starter, Mr. R. W. L. Dunlop, who has been M. F. H. for three years, as Judge, Mr. T. L. Roberts, Clerk of the Scales as usual and Mr. W. Cole as Clerk of the Course. The Stewards were Messrs. R. W. L. Dunlop, J. H. Symington, H. E. E. Proctor, A. R. Burnay, A. E. Lord, Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Forbes, D. N. Graham, J. L. Symons and Alister Forbes.

It is customary for the jump events to be held first, and on the whole the lepping was distinctly above the average in both classes. That for horses was won by a natural jumper in Mr. R. W. Barter's "H. E.", and for ponies by Mr. Owen Symons' Ortolan.

The first actual race for the Hunt Cup for horses, and this that keen sportsman and wearer of the red, white and black, Mr. Max Rommel, won on Good Luck who ran second last Saturday in the race for hunters at Mahaluxmi, Mr. "Jack" Symons had this time to cry second best with Kingfisher who won the two previous years. Mr. A. Forbes on Blast won the James Graham Trophy for those who have never won a race.

The Pony Hunt Cup saw Mr. "Tommy" Moore again successful on Akbar Khan whose third success this is in succession, this smart grey knowing the country as well as his owner who takes a deal of beating in the pig skin.

Lastly came the Jackal Club Point-to-Point for ponies of all classes and this Mr. Williams won on a good looking black Arab, Taffy.

The Band of the 109th Infantry, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Hazelgrove and Officers, under the direction of Mr. J. V. Fonseca, played throughout and the refreshments of Messrs. Mongini were all that could be desired.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs Priestley presented the prizes and the usual cheers brought a most enjoyable function to a close. Results:—

JUMPING COMPETITION FOR HORSES.

Mr R W Harter's b w g "H E" 1
Mr Wilson's b w g Comet 2

Also competed:—Mr Webb's Jess, Mr Blair's Success, Mr W M Ross' Jacobite, Mr T L Roberts' Chortler, Early Dawn and Bushman, Mr R G Campbell's Firefly, Mr Priestley's Seagull, Mr Beade's Wild Boar, Mrs C A B Beatty's Vigilance, Mr. Moberley's Roland, Mr Lucas' Tomtit, Lt. Col. Bull's Blackthorn, Mr Dunlop's The Count, Mr J Crawford's Emperor, Mr Marshall's Intervener, Mr. Stileman's Lux, Mr. Ostermeyer's Toiler and M. C. de C. Hughes' Mohawk.

JUMPING COMPETITION FOR PONIES.

Mr Owen Symons' g a h ..... Ortolan 1

Also completed:—Mr Blair's Nimrod, Mr. Ross' Heritage, Mr. Gillum's Cactus, Mr. Richards' Bacchus, Mr. Enthoven's Roland, Mr. Wilson's Ginger and Mr. Hill's Billy.

THE HUNT CUP FOR HORSES.

A Point-to-Point Race.—About 4 miles. Catch weights, English and Australians 12st 7lbs and over, Arabs and Country-breds 10st 7lbs and over. Owners up. 1st Prize the "Remington" Trophy and a Cup; 2nd Prize a Cup.

The "James Graham" Trophy and a Cup presented to the first competitor in, who has not previously won a race, riding a horse which has never won a race.

Mr M Rommel's c w g Good Luck 1
Mr J L Symons' b w g Kingfisher 2
Mr H Blair's b w m Success 3
Mr A Forbes' c w g Blast 4

Also competed:—Mr Webb's Jess, Mr Moberly's Roland, Mr Stanley Rees's Clifton, Mr A E Lord's Jean, Mr. J Crawford's Emperor, Mr T D Moore's Kitty, Mr D N Graham's Spartan, Mr F H Busch's Jenny and Dr Cogill's Topper.

THE PONY HUNT CUP FOR PONIES.—14-1 hands and under. A Point-to-Point Race.—About 4 miles. Catch-weights, English and Australians, 14-1, 12 stone. Arabs and Country-breds, 14-1, 11st. Ponies 13-3 and under allowed 7lbs. Owners up. 1st Prize, The "Townsend" Trophy and a Cup.

The "Boulton Trophy" and a Cup presented to the first competitor in, who has never won a race, riding a pony which has never won a race.

Mr T D Moore's g a h Akbar Khan 1
Mr O Symons' g a h Ortolan 2
Mr R B Richards' b w g Bacchus 3

Also competed:—Mr Blair's Nimrod, Major Sanders' Fashoda, Mr Luxton's Peggy, Mr A K Graham's Tommy and Dr Meyer's Birbal.

JACKAL CLUB POINT-TO-POINT RACE FOR HORSES.

About 4 miles. A Cup for Heavy Weights, and a Cup for Light Weights.

Heavy Weights.—Catch Weights 13st 7lbs and over.
Light Weights.—Catch Weights 11st 7lbs and over.

Mr A Forbes' ch w g Curlew ..... Owner 1
Mr W H Lucas' b w g Tomtit ... Mr O Symons 2

Also competed:—Mr J H Symington's Bye Day, Mr Smythies' Trumpeter, Mr Campbell's Firefly, Mr. Franks' Wakeful, Mr Beade's Wild Boar, Mr Moberly's Roland, Mrs Hill's Archie, Mr Crawford's Haphazard, Mr T L Roberts' Early Dawn and Dr. Cogill's Topper.

JACKAL CLUB POINT-TO-POINT RACE FOR PONIES.

About 4 miles. A Cup for English and Australians, and a Cup for Arabs and Country Breds. English and Australians, 14-1. Catchweights 11-7 and over. Arabs and Country Breds 14-1. Catchweights 10-7 and over. Ponies 13-3 and under allowed 7lbs.

Mr Williams' bl a g Taffy ..... Owner 1
Mr Hingley's c w g Wood Nymph ..... Mr W Wayman 2

Also competed:—Mr Fawcett's Tip-top, Mr Ross' Heritage, Mr Enthovens' Sultan, Mrs S Beatty's Vernal, Mr T D Moore's Kitty and Major Saunders' Fashoda.

LAWN TENNIS.

Punjab Championship.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MARCH 18.

In the Punjab Lawn Tennis Championship tournament on Tuesday Rendall, winner of the Open Singles, met Atkinson the holder of the Championship Cup who had kept himself for the championship round. The Courts were crowded and after the fine exhibition of play on Saturday exciting games were expected but this was not to be. Rendall was evidently not feeling fit and could do himself very little justice by this. The first set was very dull to watch, Rendall for the first few games came up to the net directly after his service, with the hope of forcing the game and killing all he could, but his overhead volleys were wild and Atkinson pressed him repeatedly down the side lines with that stroke peculiarly his own, a rather high backhander across the court to the opposite corner,—which coming to the opponent's left hand rather high up is very hard to do anything with. Atkinson won the first set (6—0). In the second set things began to liven up, both men had settled down to work and Rendall getting in some hard low drives winning the first game, Atkinson won next three, Rendall another game and then Atkinson won the set (6—2). This was the best set of the match both players putting in some very fine strokes. In the third and last set Atkinson won the first four games and then seemed to get careless: Rendall won the next two and Atkinson pulling himself together finished the set and match with (6—2). Atkinson thus carries off the Championship and Rendall the Chumba Cup.

TENNIS.

Last evening only one match in the handicap singles was played. Mr. J. T. Ricardson (+15-3) beat Mr. L. Thacker (—15) 6—1, 2—6, 8—6, after a hard struggle.

This evening Messrs. Reid and Glendinning meet Major Field and Captain Lucas in the semi-finals of the Championship Doubles.

THE BEETHOVEN OF ROMANCE.

Achim D'Arnim.

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"In deine hand befell' ich mein Leben,
Du Kanntst es nehmen, du hast es gegeben;
Zum Leben, Zum Sterben segne mich!
Vater, ich preise dich!"

(To Thee my life commend,
Take what thou hast but lent;
In life or death, blest me!
My God, ex tol I Thee!)

This is Korner's prayer whilst in battle. It is a typical one. Figure to yourself thus the German student of the days of the War of Independence, with his fiery patriotism, his liberal ideas, his noble heart open to all sympathies and enthusiasm, happy to express proudly what touches him, and happy to gain the open sea with all sails set like a fine armed boat out privateering with no luggage to encumber or slacken its speed. "With God for liberty." This beautiful device served as epigraph, when necessary for Arnim's entire life as for his works. Was it touching glasses between friends or fighting, there the motto was on the blade of the sword as at the bottom of the glass. With a nature so irresistibly prone to expansion it may well be conceived what storms patriotism must have stirred at the time of French domination in Germany. Arnim was a gentleman. And noblesse was in his eyes but so much more motive to stand up for his country's independence. An aristocrat at heart and in his habiliments he had a way of understanding birth suited to modern ideas.

WHAT IS NOBLESSE?

"It is," says he "the consecration of time in history, the baptism of blood, the historic fortune of having inscribed on the forehead from the cradle, the sign of a specific force of life and of fecundation. Its true diploma is action. Without bearing any prejudice to noblesse, sovereign among all, of sentiments and of intelligence, the noblesse of blood gives the latter the basis of poetic predestination." His country's disgrace found him full of valour and decision. Like Theodore Korner, like the great and melancholy Henri de Kleist, Arnim belonged to that sacred phalanx of chivalresque students, in whose eyes Romantism appeared a symbol of nationality. To pursue this ideal of glory and of liberty, a glimpse of which they had caught in their university reveries, they were for rushing to bloody battle-fields. "Those who know not to conquer self by action, deserve neither fortune nor liberty," had said Goethe. This maxim had gone deep into Arnim's heart. Its inspiration when events demanded it thundered forth in sonorous periods like an echo of wild hurrahs of Weber. "We, Germans are not wanting in virtues. There is one, however, we shall greatly need practicing, and that we ignore. It is vengeance. Let us remember what a terrible instrument it was of yore even in the hands of piety. Let us proclaim that vengeance is not a vice, as it pleases moralists to call it, but much rather, now that it is brandished by whomsoever of right, as the sword of supreme justice, forged at the fire of eternal love, passed on to the chain of sovereign reason and consecrated by immense griefs. He who abjures the sublimity of this passion abjures God." Illustrious thinkers have said

HUMANITY MOVES IN SPIRALS.

in its ever onward march. Nothing is lost of the organic substance which develops and extends itself in every direction. The tree remains the same, and the new branches it does not cease putting forth raise its crown ever higher to heaven. This religious sense of the past joined with the most liberal tendencies and the most active aspirations of the future give to Arnim's physiognomy a luminous serenity. He sees the middle ages sink and the old institutions crumble under the crash of the French Revolution. For him this cataclysm announces the era of a new poetry, and the facts which unfurl themselves are but in his eyes the transformations of the same idea. "Strange pretention to wish that everything should perish because we belong to the human race which itself does but pass away! Does nothing remain then of the forms which the Revolution sweeps away? Because we are bound to die one day, does it follow we have never lived? To have made one with this world, were it only for an instant—which lives eternal and regenerates itself incessantly, is not that enough to make

SPORTING NEWS.

RACING.

Bombay Fourteenth Extra Meeting.

SOUTHALL'S DAY OUT.

Yesterday being a holiday there was big attendance at Mahaluxmi and once more fields were very large and some great finishes were seen in a card of eight events, the race for new Arabs once more having to be split up into three. Business in the Ring was brisk and there was but littl to choose in the exchanges between layers and takers. The feature of the day was the success of Southall who won four times out of seven mounts ; we have often enthused upon this jockey's riding.

Beginning the day with the first division of the Little Nursery Plate for which Sir Askar was made a very hot favourite and plenty of place money for Majuba but the first disappointed for a win and the second for his place. The pace was cut out for Holker, but when it came to racing it lay between the favourite and Aden, and in a punishing finish Aden just squeezed there with Veto very close.

As much of a surprise was the result of the second division in which Fallah was immediately installed favourite but sharing the honours with Naief before the start. Two unfortunate things occurred at the start. Hasty Jack getting rid of Ahmed and Turkish Flag being left, Spectator and Futtahal Kher were there at the start but not in it at the finish, Ateiba. Naif, Talib and Fallah being practically level at the distance. Naief found the journey too long and opposite the stand Talib jumped out to win a fine race. That great pony Eed found the majority of support for the Verar Plate though plenty came for Moonib Pasha on the strength of his last run, though the distance is too short for him, and Dumra and Vasco were solidly supported. False Start made the pace and kept going remarkably well considering seven furlongs is more his meter but down the straight Eed came like a steam engine. Moonib Pasha was as usual last till the half mile and well as he came he could not catch the Grey who has run marvellously consistently this Season.

Though there was a tip out for Talal and money for Madras nothing could shake the confidence in Maharaja for the First Arab Consolation. He followed Great Hope to near the bend when Talal came up, but he had but little difficulty in leaving him on the way to the winning post.

A field of thirteen faced the starter for the second division of this race and the public picked on Recruit. Gladiator as usual made the running, but gave it up to Joker who held it to the bend where Hazza drew up in company with Bendigo, Nussar and Recruit. up the straight spectators were in doubt and Moored came with a faint streak of his form of two years ago. It was a desperate race in which Hazza stayed out by the shortest of necks from Mooreed who beat Bendingo opposite the Stand. Hazza owes his owners this win as he has been backed previously and now shows his win at fifties in Poona was not altogether a fluke.

Only four faced the gate for the horse race, the March Plate, and things were quiet for some time till Winsome's stable swept the boards. The race wants no description as winsome led out and won comfortably in poor tine, Gun Metal being left by some six lengths.

In the third of the Nursery Plates Safoog was always in demand though when money came for Rising Falcon and he was said to be better than Mountain King. This latter found support. Rising Falon was early out of it being left, but when Great Power went away followed by Hamayoon and Mountain King, Safoog was handy. Mountain King shut up in a surprising manner before the bend when Safoog drew up in company with Sanjakdhar whose plucky run came a bit unexpectedly. Safoog, however, was well in hand and won with a bit to spare.

Lastly came the Arab Pony Selling Plate with Madrid favourite from Mirdas with some money for Ariff. Ariff made all his own running and shewed his gameness under the whip most of the way down the straight by staying Madrid out in a most exciting finish with Mirdas very close up. There was no bidding after the race.

Details :

THE FIRST LITTLE NURSERY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500 ; second, Rs. 200 ; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. landed since 1st July, 1907, and which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Syed Aga Mir's Aden, 7st 10lbs.....Etul 1
Mr Wallace's Sir Askar, 7st 7lbs .....Kamad 2
Mr A S Osmer's Vete, 8st 3lbs .....Robinson 3
Mr Syed Rashid's Hoodaib, 8st 2lbs .....Hoyt 4

Also ran.—Virtuous Bay 8st 9lbs, Hishan 8st 4lbs, Diamond King 8st 3lbs, Good Morning 8st 2lbs, British Flag 8st 1lb, Brussels 8st 1lb, Marhaba 8st, Shirvia 8st, Special 7st 13lbs, Holker 7st 13lbs, Majuba 7st 12lbs, Barki 7st 11lbs, Little Officer 7st 9lbs.

Betting.—6 to 4 on Sir Askar, 6 to 1 against Majuba, 7 to 1 Veto, 8 to 1 Hishan, Hoodaib and Barki, 10 to 1 Aden, Brussels and Diamond King.

The Race.—After Virtuous Bay had given trouble Good Morning was hopelessly left and Holker got away from a poor start followed by Majuba, Aden, Sir Askar and Veto. At the three furlongs Veto came up third with Sir Askar who before the bend ran second with Aden, Majuba falling back. Entering the straight Aden took the lead and after a great finish stayed out by half a length, neck between next two. Time—1 min 25 2-5 secs.

THE SECOND LITTLE NURSERY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500 ; second, Rs. 200 ; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under, landed since 1st July 1907, and which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Syed Rashid's Talib 7st 11lb.....Southal 1
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's Ateyba 7st 12lb Hoyt 2
Mr Newton's. Fallah 8st 0st .....Abdoola 3
Mr Mohsen Abdul Aziz's Gazban 7st 13lb ...Fergusson 4

Also ran.—Turkish Flag II 9st Martyn 8st 7lbs Hasty Jack 8st 11b, Print Craft 8st 11b, Futtahal Khan 8st 11b, Indore 8st Minawar 7st 13lb, Spectator 7st 12lb Pootes 7st 12lb Afred 7st 11lb Naief 7st 10lb Porter 7st 9lb.

Betting.—3 to 1 against Fallah and Naief 15 to 1 Porter 7 to 1 Afreed and Ateyba, 8 to 1 Turkish Flag and Pootas and longer odds the rest.

The Race.—The start was bad, Hasty Jack displacing his jockey and Turkish Flag being left. Spectato went to the front followed by Futtahal Khan, Ateyba and Print Craft. As the quarter mile Naief put in a fast run coming up level, Ateyba also drawing level with the leaders with Talib who came right thought. It was a fine finish with Naief failing to stay and Talib coming out opposite the Stand to win by a quarter length, half next. Time.—1 min 26 1/5secs.

THE VERAR PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second Rs. 200 ; third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under. Distance—9 furlongs.

Mr Ali Bin Talib's, Eed 9st 4lbs .....Taylor 1
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's, Moonib Pasha 8st 11lbs.....Robinson 2
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's False Start 7st 13lbs.....Hoyt 3
Mr Toolsidas Tolpal's Antica 8st 1lb .....Melsom 4

Also ran.—Dilerjang 8st 13lbs; Dumra 8st 8lbs, Vasco 8st 3lbs, Saree 6st 2lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 against Eed, 5 to 2 Moonib Pasha, 5 to 1 Dumra, Vasco and Dilerjung, 8 to 1 Antica and longer odds the rest.

The Race.—From a fair start False Start led out and soon commanded a four length lead from Antica. Dumra and Vasco with Moonib Pasha last. At the half mile Vasco was third and Dilerjung last. Eed coming fifth. At the bend Eed drew up to the leaders and went away to win by threequarters, Moonib Pasha putting in a very fast finish three-quarters in front of False Start. Time.—2mins. 8secs.

THE FIRST ARAB CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500 ; second, Rs. 200 ; third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 400 or over, since 1st April, 1907. Distance—1 mile.

Mr Abdool Gany's Maharaja 9st .....Southall 1
Mr S A Wahed's Talal 8st 11lbs .....Melsom 2
Mr Zaid Bin Mahomed's Great Hope 8st 8lbs.....C B Mahomed 3
Mr A M Ameer's The Barb 8st 11lbs .....Abdoola 4

Also ran :—Idbas 8st 13lbs. High Born 8st 12lbs. Come Soon 8st 10lbs. Madras 8st 9lbs. Ance 7st 2lbs.

Betting :—6 to 4 against Maharaja, 7 to 2 Talal, 4 to 1 Madras, 8 to 1 Idbas and longer odds the rest.

The Race : - Great Hope led out from a good start followed by Maharaja, Talal and Ance. At the two furlongs Talal was second but entering the straight Maharaja came up and taking the lead won comfortably by a length and a quarter, length next. Time.—1 min 55 1-5 secs.

THE SECOND ARAB CONSOLATION PLATE.—Winner Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 400 or over, since 1st April, 1907.—Distance—1 mile.

Messrs M Goculdas A Nanjee's Hazza 7st 13lbs....Hoyt 1
Mr S Somjee and A A Saif's Mooreed 7st 12lbs. Southall 2
Mr G K's Bendigo 9st 6lbs.....Robinson 3
Mr Mujeed Jurji's Recruit 8st 2lbs.....Taylor 4

Also ran :—Gladiator 9st 12lbs Nusser 9st 2lbs, Melbourne 9st Ejector 8st 4lbs Mint 8st 3lbs Sialkate, 8st Rummah 7st 12lbs Joker 7st 10lbs Ajeel 7st 9lbs

Betting :—2 to 1 against Recruit, 5 to 1 Bandigo, 6 to 1 Mint, 7 to 1 Hazza, Mooreed and Ajeel, 8 to 1 Gladiator, Nusser and Melbourne and longer odds the rest.

The Race :—Gladiator led out at once followed by Hazza and Joker but at the six furlongs Joker, went out leading Nusser, Gladiator, Hazza and Recruit. At the half mile Hazza drew into second place followed by Bendigo and shortly Hazza was level with Joker who fell away. Mooreed and Bendigo challenged up the straight but Hazza stayed on to win a great race by a neck, half next.—Time—1 min. 53 4/5 secs.

THE MARCH PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100 A High Weight Handicap for Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over since 31st March, 1905. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr. A. J. DeSouza's Winsoone 7st 10lbs.....Southall 1
Mr. P. B. Avasia's Conscience 7st 6lbs.....Manley 2
Mr. Thakur Shripal Singh's Flotsam 7st 7lbs...Melsom 3

Also ran.—Gun Metal 8st 7lbs.

Betting.—6 to 4 on Winsome, 5 to 2 against Flotsam, 7 to 2 Gun Metal and 6 to 1 Conscience.

The Race.—Winsome jumped out first followed by Conscience and Flotsam, Gun Metal being badly left. The lead was four lengths at the three furlongs and eventually Winsome won comfortably by a length and a half, the order never being changed. game between second and third. Time :—1 min. 17 2-5secs.

THE THIRD LITTLE NURSERY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200 ; third, Rs.100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under landed since 1st July, 1907, and which have not won flat race value Rs. 200 or over. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr R S Foraje's Safoog 9st 5lbs.....Southall 1
Mr Hoosein Abdoola's Sanjakdhar, 7st 6lbs...Abdoola 2
Mr A A Shamlan's Viceroy 7st 11lbs .....Etul 3
Mr Mahomed Alivi's Young Chand 8st 6lbs.....C B Mahomed 4

Also ran :—Great Power 9st 8lbs, Mountain King 9st 4lbs, Saraband 8st 12lbs Rising Falcon 8st 7lbs Zarl 8st 11b Voncher 8st, Bantra 7st 13lbs, Shimal 7st 13lbs Barrah 7st 12lbs Narsin 7st 11lbs Humayoon 7st 9lbs.

Betting :—6 to 4 against Safoog, 5 to 2 Rising Falcon 6 to 1 Young Chand, 7 to 1 Great Power and Saraband 8 to 1 Narsin and Sanjakhar and longer odds the rest.

The Race : Great Power jumped out in front followed by Humayoon with Mountain King, Barrak and Safoog next. At the half mile Safoog began to draw up and Mountain King fell away to Viceroy Young Chand and Sanjakdhar. Entering the straight Safoog took the lead and going well won by three quarters, one and a quarter next. Time :—1 min. 23 3-5 secs.

ARAB PONY SELLING PLATE.—Winner Rs. 500 second Rs. 200, third Rs. 100. For Maiden Arab Ponies 14 hands and under, 14 hands entered for Rs. 1,200 to carry 10st W. I. 3lbs, for each Rs 100 down to Rs. 400. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr S K Kapadia's Ariff 7st 3lbs .....Majeed 1
Mr G K's Madrid 9st 9lbs .....Taylor 2
Capt Meynell's Mirdas 8st 13lbs .....Hoyt 3
Mr Hajee Ally Khaderi's Godolphin 7st 12lbs...Abbas 4

Also Ran.—Sunlight 8st 4lbs Sanam 8st 1lb Italy 8st 1lb Mafood 7st 9lbs Woolwinder 7st 6lbs Good Time 7st 6lbs

Betting : 6 to 4 against Madrid, 5 to 2 Mirdas, 4 to 1 Ariff, 5 to 1 Mafood, 9 to 1 Woolwinder and longer odds the rest.

The Race :—Ariff was first away holding a two length lead from Mirdas and Madrid. At the quarter mile Madrid went up second. Entering the straight Ariff was ridden, but in a punishing finish just stayed out by ahead, half next. Time :—1 min. 9secs.

FOOTBALL.

2nd Battalion, Royal Scots' Junior League Inter-Company Tournament.

FINALS, 3RD MATCH.

"A" Company, Deolali, vs. "D" Company Bombay teams, met on Tuesday for the third time to decide the fate of the Junior Cup. The whole of the Colaba Garrison and many Civilians lined the touch. "D" won the toss and elected to play with the wind. The first ten minutes of the game was very exciting and both sides played up well. "A," led by Ross, made a run and looked like scoring when Ives, who had plenty of opportunity of clearing, foolishly drove the ball across the front of the goal, the ball gave a twist and turned into the corner of the net completely beating Ives (his brother) the custodian. A penalty was given against "D" for tripping, Ross missed scoring, both teams playing hard. At Half Time "A" was 1 goal to "D"0. The second half opened with great dash by both sides. Papps, easily the best man of his side, made a brilliant effort to score, Cairns became dangerous and only missed scoring by a very near thing. "A" led by Ross, again took up the attack, some pretty head work was witnessed which ended up by Ross putting in a clever header that found the net. "D" continued to play very doggedly and frequently attacked with determination. The superior training and condition of "A" Company was beginning to tell. Ross unexpectedly shot a stinger from about 25 yards out, and caught the goal keeper napping, making the third goal for "A." The whistle blew with the score "A" 3, "D" nil. This, like the two previous games, was marked for the excellent football shown, and the absence of "feeling," or foul play. Referee Dow had a very pleasant time in refereeing the finals. Colonel W. H. E. Murray presented the Cup, and congratulated both teams on the excellent display of Foodball given, and on their training and condition. He pointed out the object of Junior Football in the Battalion, and remarked that he had no doubt that the Selection Committee had noted all the rising players whose future was to maintain the reputation of the Battalion for Football, as those of the past had done, during 1890, 1900, and again in 1906-1907. Private Caiger stepped forward and received the Cup on behalf of "A" Company ; he also called for three cheers for "D" Company, the usual cheers for the Winners and for the Colonel were given, and for Referee Sergeant Dow, Linesmen Lce. Corpl. Simpson and Private Thompson.

For the Winners special mention may be made of Ross who put in an exceptionally good game assisted by Hodge, Hill, and Keiller. For the losers Papps played a sound game from start to finish, ably assisted by Cairns.

Teams :—"A" Company :—Caiger, Dodds and Conway, Keiller, Hill and Frail, Armstrong, Hodge, Ross, Hill and McConnon.

"D" Company :—Pte Ives, Lce.-Corpl. Ives and Long, Lesek, Anderson and Fraser, Gilbertson, Papps, Cairns, Crews and Ferrier.

Former Winners.—"D" Company 1901, "D" Company 1905, "D" Company 1903, "D" Company 1905, "A" Company 1905, "B" Company 1906, and Band and Drums 1907.

Trades Association Tournament.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MARCH 18.

The Lancashire Fusiliers and Black Watch met in the last match, Second Round of the Trades Association football tournament on Tuesday evening. After the form displayed by the Lancashire Fusiliers against the West Yorkshires they were hot favourites. The first half of the game was most exciting both teams playing up in splendid style. In the second half the Black Watch combination completely broke up and their shooting was reckless. The Fusiliers continued to play a steady game. There was a fairly large gathering of spectators. Towards the end of the first half the Lancashire Fusiliers scored the first goal ; on resuming up down play went on for some time, then the Fusiliers got away and their left in scored from a tricky shot. Almost immediately afterwards their centre forwards secured their goal and shortly after this one of the Black Watch having hurt his knee had to leave the field. The Black Watch fought hard but the Lancashires soon scored a fourth goal and the Black Watch were pressing hard when the whistle sounded with the score : Lancashire Fusiliers four goals ; Black Watch nil.

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POYAL SCOTS' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The Final.

The Royal Scots Boxing Tournament came to a successful conclusion on Tuesday night when there was a splendid programme, the events being most gamely contested. As on Monday, Captain Ellis very capably acted as referee and Lieutenants McDowell and Mellor as Judges and some difficult questions were ably decided. Ellis as expected won the Middles fairly comfortably but he had a tough job in a six round contest with Stoker Higgs to whom he was giving away weight, and only his quickness and fitness carried him through. The first half was cut short by McVey being disqualified for a foul and Harrington caving in. In the Bantams final Cavanagh fought gamely and only lost to Anderson after an extra round, whereas Gorman made a game show but retired with a hurt hand. The Lights eventually lay between two sailors, and even after an extra round the Judges declared a draw. Electing to fight a fifth round Keal won by a narrow margin. Again in the Feathers final there was a good mill, Hiles taking a deal of punishment.

At the conclusion, before the distribution, Colonel Murray in a few words thanked all that had officiated for their share in an eminently successful tournament and congratulated the competitors on their pluck. Following are details :—

Middle Weights.—Final. Pte. Ellis vs. Pte. Henderson. Ellis was quicker and after getting home with the left early in the round wound up by shaking his man up with both gloves. In the second he lost no time in getting to work and, making for the body, got house on the mark and Henderson could not rise for the count.

Light Weights.—Semi-final. Y. O. S. Allen H. M. S. Hyacinth vs. Lce.-Corpl. Robertson. As soon as they shook hands Robertson waded in and giving Allen no rest with frequent jabs on the side of the head soon had him guessing. A right near the ear sent Allen down. As he was rising Robertson rushed in and was promptly disqualified, Allen still having his glove on the boards.

Stoker Keal, H. M. S. Hyacinth, vs. Lce.-Cpl. Payne. Left leads were the order each getting home without much damage but later Keal made his body punches felt. Keal made the pace in the second and might have ended it had he followed up quicker. In the third Keal repeatedly got home, especially on the body, and had his man well set. Keal won.

Feather-Weights.—Semi-final. Pte McVey vs Lce-Corpl. Hilts. At each meeting the two countered with the left but towards the end Hiles had distinctly the better of it. Again in the second there was no attempt at a body blow but McVey back hitting in a sharp encounter was disqualified. Hiles won.

Lce.-Corpl. Jones vs Pte Harrington.—Jones made the pace so hot with both gloves, following left smartly with right, that Harrington was kept on the defensive. Harrington got such a bad time in the second, body blows telling, that he gave in.

After an interval of ten minutes the final of the Bantams was called on.

Pte. Anderson vs. Pte. Cavanagh.—The pace was immediately made tremendously fast, the two swooping freely with little attempt to guard. They frequently held and were cautioned. In the second also there was a sign of over-eagerness, clinches resulting. Anderson brought Cavanagh down and a moment later the latter retaliated in a similar manner. Anderson made the pace in the third but Cavanagh stood up gamely giving what he took. An extra round was ordered.

On coming together Cavanagh got home hard on the jaw and had slightly the better of it. At the end, however, Anderson proved himself fitter and Cavanagh had to clinch to save himself. Anderson won.

Boys' Competition.—Final. Boy O'Leary vs Boy Gorman. O'Leary had every advantage but Gorman held on gamely and was not to be bustled. In the second, Gorman made a plucky show against superior weight but damaging his hand had to retire.

Light-Weights' final.—Y. O. S. Allen vs, Stoker Keal, both of H. M. S. Hyacinth. Allen has a good style but not the strength of Keal and he had to duck to avoid punishment, being cautioned. Allen came in more in the second and got home well as Keal began to swing rather wildly. In the third, Keal got in with left and right but at the end Allen piled up points and an extra round was ordered.

In this each took it in turn to lead but it was a quieter round and again declared a draw. They elected to have another round and Keal made things lively. Allen was by no means done and at the finish there was just a shade in Keal's favour after a clean and good fight. Keal won.

Feather-Weights—Final.—Lce-Cpl. Jones vs. Lce.-Copl. Hiles Jones making the pace with repeated leads had the better of the round though Hiles once got in well on the ribs a bit too light to have effect. In the second, Jones continued as before but as the end drew near Hiles got him in a corner and with body punches had him in trouble. Early in the third Hiles got going at Jones' wind and both began to tire. There was power in Jones' blows and his points in the first round won him the verdict.

Six Round Contest.—Stoker Higgs of H.M.S. Hyacinth vs. Pte Ellis, Royal Scots. Higgs was the heavier but Ellis the quicker and a very lively round was seen, both seeming glad to mix and Ellis once going dangerously near fouling. In the second, again one of his hits was very near. The pace of the first round told and after some hot work both began to swing wildly and show signs of wear. Higgs was in most distress in the third when Ellis weighed in and had him groggy. In the fourth Ellis made good use of his left, but had Higgs been fresh enough to follow up a heavy one on the mark he would have had the soldier out. Both were too done to hit hard. No power at all left in the fifth when Higgs seemed to be going a bit better and it was his round on points. Again in the sixth and last, Higgs had perhaps a bit the better of it but they were both done to a turn and could scarcely stand. Ellis was returned the winner, but there was very little to choose.

The awards were :—

Boys :—O'Leary. Runner up, Gorman.
Bantams:—Anderson. Runner up, Cavanagh.
Feathers:—Lce.-Corpl. Jones Runner up, Lce.-Corpl. Hiles.
Lights :—Stoker Keal, H. M. S. Hyacinth. Runner up, Y. O. S. Allen, H. M. S Hyacinth.
Middles:—Ellis. Runner up, Henderson.
6 Round Contests:—Ellis and Wallace. Special prize for Science, Y. O. S. Allen, H.M.S. Hyacinth.

"E" Company wins the Cup on points.
"E" Company—7 points.
"D" " 5 "
"H" " 5 "

MURRAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, March 18.

A splendid game was witnessed, in the Murray Tournament semi-finals, last evening, between the Durhams and the 5th Fusiliers. Both teams were in grand condition and played excellently, the backs being conspicuously brilliant, and a "draw" was registered, neither side scoring. The game was replayed this morning, and resulted in a "draw" again, both sides exhibiting most stubborn defence. The game will be replayed this evening.

2ND BATTALION, THE ROYAL SCOTS' "FERGUSON DAVIE" SENIOR TOURNAMENT.

Draws : (Bombay).

1st Round :—"C" Company vs. "D" Company. Remainder Byes.

2nd Round :—Band vs. "G" Company, "B" Company, vs. Winners of "D" vs. "C," "G" Company, Cup Holders for 1906-7.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta, 14th Mar. 1908.

The Weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury :—

Amount to be remitted during 1907-8 ..... £ 18,100,000
Remitted from 1st April 1907 to 14th Mar. 1908 By Council Bills ..... £ 15,364,152
By Gold ..... Nil.
Balance to be remitted from 15th Mar. 1908 to 31st March 1908 ..... £ 2,735,848

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, MARCH 18.

The popularity of the Poona Boxing Tournament which begins on Monday night, the 23rd instant, has increased year by year till it is now regarded as the premier tournament of India. This year's entries are larger than previous years. Competitors from all parts of India are included in the list and the majority of them are champions in their respective regiments. There are ten entries for the Bantam Weights, twenty-three for the Feather Weights, as many as thirty-two for the Light Weights, eleven for the Middle Weights and seven for the Heavy Weights. The Boys' Competition has not filled so satisfactorily nor, indeed, the competitions for Officers, but presumably local regiments will come to the scratch in a day or two to give these events the coloring they have always had. In any case the tournament this year bids fair to be one of the most interesting on record. The following are the entries :—

Bantam Weights: Pte Richards, Pte Hammond, and Pte Healy of the Leicesters ; Pte Penny and Copl. Turner of the Worcesters ; Pte Sham and Pte Kay of the East Lancs.; Pte Street, Somersets; Pte Mclervarty and Pte Butcher, of the Lincolns.

Feather Weights :—Rifleman Grinsdale, King's Royal Rifles ; Gunner Elliott, 4th Amm. Column ; Lce. Corpl. Burke, Pte. Andrews, and Pte Durnell, of the Cameronians ; Pte. Paddy Gill, G. I. P. Vol. ; Lce.-Corpl. Manning, Pte. Carter, Pte. Hurdan, Pte White and Pte. Stewart, of the Northamptons ; Pte. Blake, Middlesex ; Pte. Sheffield, Leicesters ; Pte. Homell, Worcesters ; Pte. Richardson, Leicesters ; Pte Scrivens, Worcesters ; Sgt. Weedon, Royal Fusiliers ; Pte Tucker Pte Lee and Pte Hemmings of the Worcesters ; Sergt. Crossan, East Lancs ; Lce-Corpl. Howard, Somersets ; and Pte Tagers, S. W. Borderers.

Light Weights :—Lce-Corpl. Jowett, and Pte Atkinson, King's Royal Rifles ; Gr. Mills 2nd Batt. R. F. A.; Pte Sutherland and Pte Parter of the Cameronians; Pte Curcoran, Pte. Gibbons, Pte. Dean, Pte. Jones, and Pte Watkis of the Northamptons ; Pte. Marke and Pte. Weyarstress, Middlesex ; Pte. Richinson and Pte. Stanley of the Leicesters ; Pte. M. Powell, Pte. D. Powell, Pte. Kingston, Pte. Dixon, Pte Foat, Pte. Elce, Corpl. Dairs, all of the Worcesters ; Bombr. Campbell, 2nd Batt. R. F. A.; Lce.-Corpl. Howhett and Pte. Walsters of the Royal Fusiliers ; Pte Molesworth, Leicesters ; Pte. Brine, Pte. Williams, and Pte. Draper, Somersets ; Gr. Mills, 2nd Batt. R.F.A.; Pte. Turner, S. W. Borderers ; Pte. Strickland, 14th Hussars ; and Pte. Nadins, Lincolns.

Middle Weights :—Pte. Watson, Pte. Naylor, Cameronians ; Lce.-Cpl. Atkinson, Gloucesters; Pte. Tew, Northamptons ; Pte. Tonsley, Leicesters ; Pte. Cooke, and Pte. Jarkins, Worcesters; Lce-Corpl Santry, Somersets ; Pte. Smith, Oxfords ; Corpl. Atkinson, Lincolns ; and Gr. Lyons, 8th Batt. R.F.A.

Heavy Weights :—Pte. Hern and Pte. Jarvis Northamptons; Gr. Turner, 8th Batt. R.F.A. ; Pte. Cansall, Worcesters ; Corpl. Smith, Oxfords ; Pte. Scott and Corpl. Smith, Lincolns.

Boys' Competition :—Boy Wilson, P. V. R. ; Boy Duggen, R. R. A.; Boy Wyse ; P. V. R.; Boy Scott. B. V. R.

Officers Feather Weights :—Lieut. Masters, Leicesters.

Officers Middle Weights :—Lieut Morrison, Royal Scots.

PASSENGERS PER S.S. "NERA."

The following passengers will proceed to Marseilles by the Messageries Maritimes Co's steamer "Nera" to-day from Victoria Dock, Shed No. 6. There will be the usual medical inspection of cabin passengers in the Shed at 9 a.m. Native servants and ayahs and all deck passengers must be present at the Prince's Dock, Disinfecting Station, at 8 a.m. with all their baggage.

Aubert, Mr and Mrs and baby
Anderson, Mr
Arkell, Mr C P
Alikhan, Mr M H
Allen, Lt
Assemaine, Mr and Mrs and 5 children
Assemaine, Mrs for 2 nurses
Algon Bene, Mr
Bell Kingsley, Lt
Brodigen, Lt
Bootvala, Mr A H
Bronzis, Mr M
Bartholomew, Capt and Mrs
Berthold, Mr
Bocro, Mrs and Miss
Bewan, Mrs
Berrill, Mrs A
Bryant, Mrs H S
Banks, Lieut P D A
Berkeley, Lieut
Billimoria, Mr B P
Bamfield, Major H J
Brown, Mr
Basseres, Mr and Mrs
Carnegy, Col and Mrs P M
Cellier, Capt E
Chandabhoy, Mr and Mrs S N
Chandabhoy, Miss
Carey, Lieut P G
Carvalho, Mr P
Clarke, Lt R J
Corps, Mr and Mrs and 2 children
Charbonneaux, Mr
Doucas, Mr
Das, Mr B K
Dowell, Mr D O
Duncan, Lt R C
Duthoit, M
Eogineer, Mr S S
Fitzgerald, Lady
Fowley, Miss L
Foy, Mr and Mrs
Frioux, Mr and Mrs C
Fitzgerald, Mrs N
Gordon, Col
Grinon, Mr and Mrs and 2 Misses
Grenon, Mr
Gardner, Mr and Mrs W
Hudson, Mrs C and 2 children and nurse
Hildyard, Miss A M
Henriques, Mr G G
Haubits, Mr E
Harris, Dr and Mrs T
Hacket, Lt
Inskip, Lt
Jarrett, Capt H C D
Ledgard, Mr R S
Lewis, Lt
Laporte, Mr
Leroux, Mr and Mrs and child
Lotouse, Mr and Mrs
Leronx, Mr for servant
Malbeer, Mr J P
Meidlinger, Mr and Mrs P
Mehenti, Mr P S
Maxwell, Mr and Mrs P
Meyer, Mr J
Mehrjee Muncharshaw, Dr
Mare, Mr
Missol, Mr and Mrs
Nazar Hoch, Mr
Olive, Mr
Playre, Lt R B
Phalasekno, Mr
Potts, Rd R V
Padmonjee, Miss E S
Palcologus, Major W C
Parkings, Capt
Rowlandson, Capt
Richardson, Mrs and child
Richardson, Mr A W
Rufener, Mrs and 2 children
Richards, Major G W
Rasak, Mr A
Rogers, Mr P W
Rattue, Miss S
Rufener, Mrs for a nurse
Reneele Mr
Robert Spire, Mr
Richardson, Mr A O
Sequeira, Mr D O
Slaughter, Lt and Mrs
Siegler-Pascal, Mr H
Setna, Mr
Smith, Mrs W P
Scrivinar, Mr and Mrs and 2 children
Srikishan, Mr
Steblin, Lieut N A
Skiner, Lieut
Stuart, Miss
Tata, Mr R D
Thomas, Mr and Mrs and 2 children
Verriers, Mrs
Wadia, Mr A D
Wright, Rd and Mrs H
Watson, Capt H R
Watson, Mrs and 2 children
Weatherall, Mr H
White, Lieut A N
Wilson, Miss

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is the list of messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay.

Mangalore, Bipisee; Negapatam, Renounce; Jhansi, Glover ; Jaipur, Harvey Ordnance Department ; Surat, Chhotalal Dayabhai, coaching clerk ; Rangoon, Orectors; Simla, Visurgis ; Lahore, Kahanchandra ; Tuticorin, Mubrackhim Mahsam Gavakhana market ; Raoder, Mahomed Esoof Nagda Dawoodkanji Street ; Margao, Daduchecagly Temple ; Ahmednagar, Bhagwandas Gopaldas Highroad off Gulalwadi ; Tuticorin, Abdulamasin Govakoli ; Kandkot, Maulve Musafirkhana of hajis ; Malwan, David a gear Tin work Saest road ; Vizigapatam, Fond and Company.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

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Bombay, March 19.

116 Rifle Meeting—It is notified for information that the following Matches will be fired as under. Conditions will be found in the Annual Rifle Meeting Programme :—

Friday the 20th—Match No 6, at 7 a m
Do II Matches Nos 9 and 10 (Cadets) at 9 a m
Saturday the 21st—Match No 7, at 7 a m
Sunday the 22nd—Team Match No 13 Marching competition Parade at Kurla at 8-45 a m other conditions will be found on page 21 A R M Programme.
Monday the 23rd—Bayley Challenge Cup.
Tuesday the 24th—The Nicholson Challenge Cup.
Wednesday the 25th—Team Match No 12 Marching competition for Cadets. Parade at Kurla at 6-45 a m ; her conditions will be found on page No 20 A R M Programme.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

THE OPIUM REVENUE.

The following statement of Opium Revenue to date compared with the Estimates for the year 1907 and 1908 :—

Latest Month.

Presidency	Estimate.	Actual	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
In Mar. 1908 Bengal	48,75,000	53,36,375	4,81,375	.....
In Feb. 1908 Bombay	6,00,000	7,22,400	1,22,400	.....
Total ..	54,75,000	60,78,775	6,03,775	.....

Twelve Sales of Bengal Opium and eleven months' Pass Duty on Opium Exported from Bombay.

Presidency	Estimate	Actual	Better than Estimate	Worse than Estimate
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
To end of Mar. 1908. Bengal	5,11,25,000	5,02,29,825	49,01,825	.....
To end of Feb. 1908 Bombay	72,00,000	79,35,900	7,35,900	.....
Total ..	5,83,25,000	7,39,65,725	56,40,725	.....

THE MAN WHO INTRODUCED FORKS.

Thomas Coryat was a most remarkable personality. Born in a Somerset rectory so long ago as 1577, he made most remarkable journeys, which to-day give him fame. He travelled on foot from Jerusalem to Ajmer, spending fifty shillings on the journey. His other distinction is that he introduced table forks into England.

Mr. Mark Guy Pearse has a very entertaining article on this traveller in the last issue of the "London Quarterly Review." Speaking of "Coryat's Crudities," the volume in which the traveller told his tale, Mr. Pearse says : "It is a disappointing book, an antiquated guide to churches, palaces, and tombs, with occasionally an historical dissertation, and much quotations of Latin and Greek, but lacking almost utterly in human interest and adventure.

"Coryat's first journey in 1608 was in Europe—through France and Switzerland and Northern Italy returning through Germany and the Netherlands. The most interesting summary of this journey occurs in an appeal to the Lord Chancellor in a lawsuit that had been brought against him by a Somersetshire linen-draper, in which, as Thomas Coryat declares, th is Joseph Starre of Eulil coaceruateth and conglomerateth a meere farrago of lyes.

Also hee traduceth me about the smalnesse and commonesse of my Voyage, as having beene out of England but five moneths. Can he justly call this a small and common Voyage, to passe almost two thousand miles by land ? to expose ones body to such a world of iminent dangers both by sea and Land as I did ? to passe those supendious mountains of the snowie Alpes ? to dispatch my journey with such a compendious celeritie ? to perform it with such a dispendious disadvantage to my estate ? and after the consummation of my travels to be thus opposed by a Vilipendious Linnen-Draper ! to walke above the clouds over hills that are at least seven miles high ?

"'For indeede so high is the Mountaine Senys I passed over, which disterminateth Savoy and Piemont : the danger whereof is such that if in some places the traveller should trip aside in certaine narrow wayes that are scarce a yard broade, he is precipitated into a very Stygian Barathrum or Tartarean lake six times deeper that Paul's tower is high. Continually to stand in fear of the Alpine cut-throates called the "Bandits." Being entred into Italy, to passe through that carnificina, that excruciating and excarnificating torture of the "Spanish Inquisition"? These dangers and many more I was exposed unto, and like to be circumcised in Venice amongst the Jewes for maintaining the cause of my Saviour against their refractarie obstinacie, as the Honourable and completely accomplished Knight "Sir Henry Watton" our Kings Leager Ambassador in Venice, that was an eye-witness of the conflict between them and me can testifie.

"'I walked alone afoote with one only paire of shoes through many fierce and warlike nations betwixt Venice and Flushing in Zealand, having my throate like to bee cut neere the Citie of Worms in Germany and my body to bee turned into wormes meate, onely for pulling a poore cluster of Grapes in a Vineyard. These perils being considered I h

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THE steamer Terrier 1,007 tons. Captain H. Brocq will sail to-day for Bankok etc, with a general cargo and 7 deck passengers.

THE R. I. M. Surveying steamer Palinurus Captain C. S. Hickman sailed on Wednesday for Janjira for survey purposes.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Kola 510 tons Captain A. J. Cole will sail to-day for Persian Gulf etc, with a general cargo and 5 cabin and 95 deck passengers.

THE A. Lloyd's S. N. Co's steamer China 3,855 tons, Captain A. de Petres arrived in harbour yesterday from Trieste etc. with a general cargo and passengers.

THE M. Maritimes Co's steamer Nera 3,429 tons Captain R. Schmitz arrived in harbour yesterday from Sydney with a general cargo and passengers. She will sail to-day for Marseilles etc. with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Lhasa 936 tons Captain W. H. Rothwell R. N. R. arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi and coast ports with a general cargo and Lieut. Sale, Mr. Hodgkins 8 natives and 134 deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Nerbudda 1,962 tons, Captain M. G. Williams arrived in harbour on Tuesday from the Persian Gulf etc. with a general cargo 66 cases opium and Mrs. Malcalm and child, Mrs. Geolzar and 2 children, Mr. Dawney, Mr. Whitnack and 85 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

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H M S Ballroad ..... Lt Comdr W Hood ..... R Navy

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H M S Perseus ..... Comdr H Christian ..... R Navy
R I M S Dufferin ..... Comdr De Berry ..... R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—MAR. 18.

Abbotsford ..... 2352 Scraggie ..... Bombay Co
Arica ..... 1302 Manley ..... M M & Co
Bigonia ..... 3668 Withers ....
Claverisk ..... 3441 Seldon ....
China ..... 3855 Petris ..... A L S N Co
Pacilla ..... 2668 Wilson ..... M M & Co
Imani ..... 2979 Penberthy ..... W & A Graham & Co
Ipswich ..... 515 Pelling ..... Shah S N Co
King Robert ..... 2514 Saunders ..... W & A Graham & Co
Kola ..... 497 Cole ..... M M & Co
Lhasa ..... 936 Rathwell ..... M M & Co
Majidi ..... 1857 Coates ..... P & P S N Co
Norfolk ..... 2426 Bossy ..... G Cotton & Co
Natrung ..... 3862 Thomson ..... I M & Co
Nerbudda ..... 1961 Williams ..... M M & Co
Nera ..... 3429 Schmitz ..... M & Co
Peninsular ..... 3047 ..... P & O Co
Redhill ..... 2304 Dowell ..... M M & Co
Shah Noor ..... 2783 Harrison ..... H A H Hassam
Thornbeck Grange ..... 2345 Robson ..... Shaw Wallace & Co
Zima ..... 146 Mahomed ..... Shah S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—MAR. 18.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A Clan MacNeil	3204	Porterfield	Chittagong	22-3	F Muir & Co
B Devanha	4785	Hide	Shanghai	18-3	P & O S N Co
C & R Trafford Hall	3436	Hood	Kobe	20-3	K Nixon & Co
D & E Havnaise	3349	Lemaitre	Havre	21-3	K Nixon & Co
F Clan Macdougall	2975	Sterling	Dunkirk	27-3	F Muir & Co
G Monsaffari	1387	Moloney	R S Ports	20-3	B & P S N Co
K Kapodistria	3273	Arakawa	Kobe	22-3	N Y Kaisha
M Perna	4198	Powell	London	28-3	F & O Co
P Clan Cumming	3107	Williamson	Antwerp	28-3	F Muir & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1 Scindia	3253	Kelso	Liverpool	26-3 W & A G & Co
2 Circassia	4315	Haig	Liverpool	18-3 W & A G & Co
5 Weissenfels	3748	Seibji	Hamburg	20-3 Glade & Co
9 City of London	3693	Black	Liverpool	24-3 K Nixon & Co
10 & 11 Queriniha	4927	Smith	M Mackenzie & Co	
12 Oceana	3507	Heyward	China	31-3 P & O Co
16 Kagoshima Maru	2781	Kori	Kobe	1-4 N Y Kaisha
18 Sultan	1781	Ulrich	Zbar	27-3 A Strandes

M D D

Sabarmati ..... 524 Falcera ..... M'glore ..... 20-3 B S N Co

R W P D

Saraswati ..... 443 Ahmed Karachi 21-2 ..... B S N Co
Panani ..... 552 Shamsoodin B'Najar 21-3 ..... B S N Co

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
17	Nerbudda	Williams	Bussrah, March 5
19	Nera	Schmitz	Sydney, Feb 24
	Lhasa	Rothwell	Karachi, March 16
	China	Petris	Trieste, Feb 27

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
18	Devanha	Hide	Shanghai, &c
	Circassia	Haig	Liverpool, &c
	R I M A Palinurus	Rickman	Janjera

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday:—

Steamer Terrier Brocq, for Bangkok, &c.
" Nera Schitz, for Marseilles, &c
" Kola Cole, for Persian Gulf, &c.

The following vessels began to load yesterday.

Steamer Kagoshima Maru, for Kobe, &c.
" Nerbudda, for Persian Gulf, &c.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O s s "Sardinia" arrived at Suez from Colombo on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

The B I S N s s "Chauda" arrived at Suez on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Attacks.	Deaths.	Total deaths from all causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	3	4
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umerkhadi and Dongri	4	4	18
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panas-wady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	12	13	24
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chow-pati, Walkeshwar, and Malabar Hill	4	3	11
E Mazagaon, Parel, and Mar-pole, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and Jail Hospitals	39	20	50
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	4	5	17
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	17
Water Division	0	0	0
Hon. Budgat 31st Cavalry	0	0	1
Hospitals	0	2	7
Total	66	50	144
Total plague deaths to date	142,238		
Same date last year	97	94	182

SMALL-POX.

Attacks.	Deaths.
13	4

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, MARCH 17.] [BOMBAY, MARCH 18.

FINANCIAL.

		Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent.	Consols ...	87 1/16	3/16	
3 do.	Rentes ...	97 1/4ex		
3½ do.	Sterling Loan ...	101 1/8		1/16
3½ do.	Govt. Securities ...	63 1/2		un chgd
*Bar Silver in London ...		25 1/2		un chgd
Do.	do. 2 months' hence	25 5/8		un chgd
Do.	do. New York	55 1/4		1/8
Exchange on London at Paris ...		25·17 1/2		1/2
Do.	do. do. Berlin.	20·45 1/4		1/2
Do.	do. do. New York.	4·85 3/4		1/4
Discount Bank of England Rate.		3 1/2	since 5 inst	
Do.	Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	2 7/8		un chgd
Do.	Indian Bank Bills,	2 3/4		un chgd
Do.	6 months' sight			
Do.	3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	3 3/8		un chgd
Do.	6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	3 1/2		un chgd
Interest	Day-to-day Loans ...	3 3/8		un chgd
Do.	7-day Market Loans	3 3/8		un chgd

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £175,000
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 3/4 unchgd.
*Closing tone of Silver:—Quiet.

COTTON.

Liverpool:—

Spots ... ... Quiet and Easier.
Futures ... ...Quiet.
East Indian ... ...Flat.
Manchester ... ...Quiet.
Total Sales 6,000
Sold on Speculation and for Export... 500
Imports... 6,000
Mid-Americans... ... ...5·96—02
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ... 8 3-16 unchgd.

Future Delivery prices:—

Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July
5·53 —04	5·52 —04	5·54 —04	5·52 —05

July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·49 —05	5·42 —04	5·35 —03	5·28 —03	5·25 —03

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ... ...17,000 bales
Do. do. last year ... ...36,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ... ...
Do. to Continent ... ...15,000 "
Spot Cotton—10·65—15.

Futures—Month of May, 10·28—12 } Declined owing to unfavourable cables and to commission house liquidation.
Do. Do. July 10·04—13

New Orleans:—

Spot Cotton—11+1/16
Futures—Month of May 10·30—08
Do do July 10·21—08
Closing tone of futures—Quiet.

WHEAT.

Wheat White Choice Karachi, C. I. F.—36 4—May. June—London—Buyers—Canal.
Wheat F. A. Q. Red Karachi C. I. F. 36 May-June London—Buyers—Canal.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed—

Yellow Gujarat, 57 April-May—Antwerp—Buyers—Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed:—Firm.

Linseed:—

Bombay:—45 1-4 March-April—Dunkirk—Buyers—Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee:—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 1/8 unchgd.

Sugar:—

German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F. India, 12/7 1/2
Months of Shipment—May-August.—Value.
Tone of Sugar—Firm.

Rubber:—

Para Rubber 3/5½ Value.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
1 Bundle Sovs ...	6,000			
Gold coins...	2,259	Bagdad	Kola	A Shasho
Rupees	3,000			
3 Bundles Sovs...	975			
Gold coins..	3,093	Bussrah	Kola	E Hayim
Rupees.....	4,800			
1 Bundle Rupees	2,000	Bussrah	Kola	M Mackenzie and Co
2 Bundles Sovs...	835	C Mandyie		
Rupees....	2,083			
2 Bundles Rupees	3,250	Koweit	Kola	M S Farsj
2 Parcels Silver...	83	London	Peninsular	Hongkong Bank

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p. m. yesterday:—

Cotton	7,819 bales
Wheat	3,282 cwts.
Linseed	2,719 "
Rapeseed	3,266 "
Gingellyseed	4,936 "
Poppyseed	8
Groundnuts	975 "
Castorseed	2,304 "
Rice	142,032 "
Myrabolams	20,949 "
Cottonseed	12,855 "
Mowrseed	200 "
Gram	545 "
Jowar	1,737 "
Maize	13 "

The Share Market is closed for the Holi Holidays

Quotations Received by Wire.

MADRAS, MARCH 11.

The following are the Indian Gold Mines quotations received by special cablegram, dated London, 17th instant.

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	0s.	£0 17 0	£0 18 0
Balaghat (Ord)	£0	7s. 6d.	£0 7 0	£0 8 0
Balaghat (Pref)	£10	...	£0 14 6	£0 15 6
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 5 9	£0 6 0
Hosur Gold	£1	15s. 4d.	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Dec. G. F. Dev.....	£1	8s. 0d.	£0 0 1½	£0 0 4½
Dhar. Gold Mines ..	£1	£1	£0 9 0	£0 11 6
Dharwar Reefs.....	£1	£1	£0 4 0	£0 5 6
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	nil	£0 0 3
Glenrock, Ind	10s.	9s. 9d.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
G. F. Dharwar.....	£1	£1	£0 5 3	£0 6 0
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 8 9	£1 11 3
Hyderabad Dec	£3	£3	£2 1 3	£2 6 3
Ind. Mines Syn	4s.	3s.	£0 0 4½	£0 0 7½
Kempinkoti New ..	8s.	8s.	£0 0 6	£0 0 10
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£4 15 0	£5 0 0
Mysore Reef Ord...	£1	£1	£0 0 1½	£0 0 4½
Mysore West	£1	19s.	£0 0 1½	£0 0 4½
Mysore Wynaad	£1	19s.	£0 0 1½	£0 0 4½
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 2 0	£1 3 0
Ooregum (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 8 3	£0 9 3
Ooregum (Pref)	10s.	10s.	£0 14 3	£0 15 9
Burma Ruby Mi....	£1	£1	£0 9 9	£0 10 9
Sangli Mines Ld....	£1	18s.	£0 2 9	£0 3 6
N. Mysore Mang....	£1	18s.	£0 19 6	£1 0 7½

THE Board of Directors of the Manockjee Petit Manufacturing Co., Ld., at their meeting yesterday resolved to recommend to the shareholders to sanction the declaration of a dividend of Rs. 175 per share, for the six months ended 31st December.

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following is the statement of Imports and Exports of Gold and Silver during the official year 1907-1908:—

	Gold. Imports.	Exports.	Net Imports.
In the month of Jan. 1908—			
Weight in ounces	1,50,688	50,576	99,512
Value in rupees	92,79,763	26,87,807	65,91,956
To the end of the month of Jan. 1908—			
Progressive—			
Weight in ounce	2,331,421	504,013	2,027,418
Value in rupees	17,23,85,701	2,84,41,629	14,39,41,072
	Silver.		
In the month of Jan. 1908—	Imports.	Exports.	Net Imports.
Weight in ounces	4,711,509	316,936	4,364,573
Value in rupees	89,53,038	8,24,481	81,28,557
To the end of the month of Jan. 1908—			
Progressive—			
Weight in ounces	92,178,324	7,410,782	84,761,622
Value in rupees	18,84,39,386	1,82,02,807	17,02,37,179
	Total.		
In the month of Jan. 1908—	Imports.	Exports.	Net Imports.
Weight in ounces	.....	.....	.....
Value in rupees	1,82,32,801	35,12,288	1,47,20,513
To the end of the month of Jan. 1908—			
Progressive—			
Weight in ounces	.....	.....	.....
Value in rupees	36,05,15,087	4,66,47,436	31,41,68,251

Silver received and coined in the Mints during the official year 1907-1908.

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE IN TOLAS RUPEE STANDARD).

In the month of Jan. 1908.

	Calcutta.	Bombay.	Total.
1. Bullion received for coinage of Dollars	....	4,59,486	4,59,486
2. Old Rupees received from Government Treasuries and Departments	15,33,268	4,37,307	19,70,575
3. Native State coin received for re-coinage into British Rupees	.....	....	....
4. Purchased Bullion received for Govt coinage.....	63,314	....	63,314

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE IN TOLAS RUPEE STANDARD).

To end of the month of Jan. 1908.

	Calcutta.	Bombay.	Total.
1. Bullion received for coinage of Dollars	....	36,98,611	36,98,611
2. Old Rupees received from Government Treasuries and Departments	1,15,32,212	78,36,502	1,93,68,715
3. Native State coin received for re-coinage into British Rupees	.....	....	....
4. Purchased Bullion rec ived for Govt coinage	5,06,33,930	8,88,89,959	13,95,23,889

COINED AND EXAMINED.

In the month of Jan. 1908.

	Calcutta.	Bombay.	Total.
1 British dollars (Tale) Straits dollars (Tale).	.....	96,494	96,494
2 Rupees "	13,62,024	16,54,452	30,16,476
3 Half Rupees and small silver coins (value in rupees)	.....	....	....
	5,22,003	....	5,22,003

To end of the month of Jan. 1908.

	Calcutta.	Bombay.	Total.
1 British dollars (Tale). Straits dollars (Tale)	.....	15,11,462	15,11,462
2 Rupees "	5,73,00,221	10,64,31,203	16,37,31,424
3 Half Rupees and small silver coins (value in rupees)	59,73,668	9,27,842	69,07,509

* British Rupees made over to Native States during the month:—
At Calcutta..... ..... Rs. Nil
At Bombay..... ..... " Nil
Total..... Rs. Nil

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect.
Via Turkey Perfect	Via Turkey Perfect	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	.....	Via Bhamo Interrupted.	Via Lisbon Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 18th March 1908.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hrs.	Mts
Turkey	17	7	45 p m	3	22
Teheran	18	2	20 p m	0	40
Suez.....	18	2	25 p m	0	34

NOTICES.

Moulmein Route to Siam right (17-3-08).
Haiti (West Indies) notifies that all offices on Land-line system are temporarily closed for International traffic (21-1-08).
Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the Indian frontier between Manayen and Tengyuah (18-3-08).

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

HUMPHREYS-WILLIAMS—February 20, Charles, son of the late Edward Humphreys Esq., of the Hall, Pershore, to Mary Jean Helena Maclean, only daughter of F. H. Lenders Esq., Consul General for Belgium, of 90 Westbourne Terrace, and Haroldslea, Horley.

DEATH.

OWENS—March 12, at Forest Hill, London, S. E., John Owens Manager of David Sassoon and Co., Ld., London, of pneumonia, (By Cable).

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

COLQUHOUN—March 11, at Cheltenham, the wife of H. A. Colquhoun, C. S., of a son.
ANDERSON—March 12, at Madras, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Anderson, a daughter.
STANES—March 13, at "Fernwood," Coonoor, the wife of F. J. Stanes, Coimbatore, of a daughter.

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 44m.; Sun sets, 6h. 59m.; High water, 0-11m; 0-26s. Low water, 6-11m., 6-17 a.
Municipal Corporation, 3-30 p. m.
Karachi Ice Company, 17 Tamarind Lane, 4 p. m.
Departure of H. E. the Governor for Kolhapur, Victoria Terminus, 3 p. m. (Departure, private).
St. George's Nursing Association, annual meeting, Port Trust office, 6 p. m,
Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p. m.
The Royal Bioscope, Esplanade, 7 p. m. and 9 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Mar. 25th, Last Quarter, 6h. 16m. p.m.; Mar. 1st, in Perigee, 6.h. a.m.; Mar. 13th, in Apogee, 9h. a.m. Mar. 29th, in Perigee, 8h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Friday, March 20.—Meeting of the University Senate, 5-45 p.m. Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m. P. and O. steamer "Caledonia," with English mails of 6th instant, due to arrive at 1 p. m. Sun rises, 6-44m. Sun sets, 6h. 50m. High water, 0-36m., 0-59a. Low water, 6-37m., 6-48a.
Saturday, March 21.—Ismahedi Nooroz: Bank holiday. Elphinstone College Sports, Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Bombay Light Horse, Annual Inspection by the General Officer Commanding. Point to Point Races and Gymkhana, Santa Cruz. 4-15 p.m. Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 43m. Sun sets. 6h. 50m. High water 1-3m., 1-38a. Low water, 7-4m., 7-18a.
Sunday, March 22.—3rd Sunday in Lent. Sun rises, 6h. 42m. Sun sets, 6h. 50m. High water, 1-33m., 2-9a. Low water, 7-33m., 7-50a.
Monday, March 23.—Grant Medical College, Lord Reay Lecture. Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 41m. Sun sets, 6h. 51m. High water, 2-6m., 2-50a. Low water, 8-7m., 8-28a.
Tuesday, March 24.—Examination of Articled Clerks. High Court. Byculla Club, adjourned half-yearly general meeting, 10 p. m. H. E. the Governor's return from Kolhapur, Victoria Terminus, 10-50 a. m. Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 40m.; Sun sets, 6h. 51m.; High water, 2-44m., 3-45a.; Low water, 8-50m., 9-20a.
Wednesday, March 25.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p. m. The Finley Mills, Chartered Bank Buildings, 2-30 p. m. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company, "Bella Vista," Camballa Hill, 10 a. m. Society for the Protection of Children in India, Anjuman-i-Islam Hall, 6-15 p. m. Empire Theatre, the Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 39m.; Sun sets, 6h. 51m.; High water, 3-31m., 4 57a.; Low water, 9-42m., 10-48a.

SERIOUS TRAM ACCIDENT.

Lady's Legs Crushed.

Yesterday at about 12-20 p.m. an accident of a very serious nature occurred to Mrs. Julia Pinto, wife of Mr. M. F. Pinto, a driver in the service of the B. B. & C. I. Railway, staying at Rutlam. It appears that Mrs. Pinto who came down to Bombay from Igatpur arrived at the Victoria Terminus Station at noon yesterday. Mrs. Pinto, who was accompanied by a boy, got into tram car No. 16 to go to a friend, Mrs. Downs, at Mazagon after making some purchases at the Market. On the car reaching Dhobi Talao, Mrs. Pinto and the boy jumped out while the car was still in motion. The former got out all right but as she did not let her hold of the handle-bar of the car go, she fell. Both her legs got under the car and were terribly crushed. Inspector Shaw who was passing along the road at the time ran up to Mrs. Pinto, picked her up and removed her in a victoria to the G. T. Hospital, which was the nearest institution, for immediate medical relief. Mrs. Pinto's legs were amputated at the Hospital.

THE LUNAWADA FIRE.

Relief Fund.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—On behalf of the Committee formed for the purpose of relieving the distress of the hundreds rendered homeless and helpless by the terrible fire that recently occurred here, I have thankfully to acknowledge the following contributions from philanthrophic gentlemen. It is hoped that others will follow their example:—

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Lunawada, March, 16.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION.

JUNGLE FOODS IN FAMINE.

The "Statesman":—The "Indian Forester" has rendered a useful service by reprinting the interesting list which Mr. T. E. D. Innes, Agent of the Balrampur Estate, compiled of jungle products utilised as food by the Indian poor during the famine of 1896-97 Mr. Innes was led to study the subject in connexion with an exhibition of the products of the Estate which was arranged for the benefit of the Lieutenant Governor of that time, Sir Antony Macdonnell, who visited Balampur on tour. As a large part of the Estate is jungle land and the Tharus, a jungle tribe, inhabit a corner of the domain, Mr. Innes was able to make a collection of 115 different specimens of jungle products, a number of which were subsequently identified by Mr. Duthie, Botanist to the Government of India. The list as a whole goes to show how much better acquainted with Nature is the jungle inhabitant than his civilised brother who lives in villages and towns and confines his diet to a few cultivated grains. Driven to the wilds, the townsman would perish through sheer ignorance of the wealth of food surrounding him and of the methods by which it is prepared for consumption. Doubtless the foods of civilised life are more digestible or have other special merits of their own, else they would never have obtained their present popularity. But it is quite possible that, owing to the preference of commerce for products which can be obtained in regular supply, some valuable jungle growths have been overlooked. At any rate the variety is astonishing. There are in the Balrampur Estate alone eighteen shrubs which yield fruit that can be eaten raw or cooked, or can even be made into bread. Thirty species of trees furnish food either in fruit or in their buds or in their seeds or in their roots. About the same number of creepers have edible roots, or produce edible beans. The jungle man finds a substitute for rice in ten species of grasses which have seed resembling the staple article of diet in Bengal. Weeds, water plants, and fungi supply between them thirty varieties of vegetables. The "Indian Forester" appeals to all who are able to supplement the list compiled by Mr. Innes, and intimates that the Reporter on Economic Products to the Government of India will be pleased to receive specimens with notes on the mode of preparing them for use as food. A full knowledge of all our edible trees, plants, and shrubs cannot fail to be profitable, and may be the means of enriching the food supply of the poor even at a time when famine is not driving them to extremities.

THE NATIONALISATION OF RAILWAYS.

The "Indian Daily News":—We do not think the advocates of the nationalisation of Railways have yet proved the necessity for such action in India, since they have up to now only presented their views in a very sketchy form. When they are able to publish their scheme in greater detail it will be possible to criticise or commend it on less general grounds than those we have been able to dealt with at present. During the past few days we have made reference to one Nationalisation experiment that, for the time being at least, has not proved the astounding success that was promised. But we make no pronationalisers a present of the Roumanian experience. In Roumania the total length of railway lines is 2,000 miles, or twenty-four miles of line per 1,000 square miles of area. This gives about 3,000 inhabitants per mile of line. The total capital spent on railways for purchase and construction amounts to the actual sum of £30,932,600. For the year 1905-06 the receipts amounted to £2,800,000, and the expenditure to £1,480,000, making a surplus of £1,320,000. It is pointed out that this is all the more remarkable since the population of Roumania is almost entirely agricultural, travelling little, and not possessing the available funds for railway journeys. It is to the State control of the railways, we are informed, that Roumania largely owes her ability to resist all the attempts made by the Standard Oil Trust to monopol

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1908.

FAMINE PROSPECTS.

THE Viceroy's speech at the Calcutta public Famine Relief meeting on Tuesday evening was reassuring, for although he had first wired to the Secretary of State, "there are some signs of deterioration in the general condition of the people, and crime is increasing," he showed that Government fully appreciated and had made arrangements to deal with the situation. He did not close his eyes to the existence of much unavoidable misery, but His Excellency declared that the experience gained in previous famines and the development of remedial measures steadily carried on under the direction of his predecessors, Lord Elgin and Lord Curzon, have placed the Government of India in a far better position to cope with widespread distress than they had ever been before, whilst the unprecedented liberal issue of agricultural advances and the arrangements made for prompt suspensions of revenue, are a distinguishing feature of the administration of this famine and have put much heart into the people, who, in their turn, are facing the position with remarkable courage and determination. There are already nearly a million persons on works and 345,000 in receipt of gratuitous relief, in addition to close upon twenty-six thousand persons who are being relieved on the Balrampur estates. Relief measures are declared to be adequate and employment on ordinary works generally sufficient. As a result of the improvement in the agricultural conditions in the Punjab, Madras and Bombay in the last financial year, the actual expenditure under direct Famine Relief showed a saving of thirty-four lakhs of rupees after meeting the cost of relief operations in Eastern Bengal, Assam and Bengal, which had not been foreseen in the Budget Estimate. There were savings also on Protective Railways and Irrigation Works. The appropriation, therefore, for reduction or avoidance of debt was then correspondingly larger than the Budget Estimate by close on forty-eight lakhs of rupees. Rain in the affected districts may reduce the distress, and all things considered, it may be asked, whether an appeal to private charity is necessary? Government has undertaken the responsibility and there seems no reason for the appeal. But it seems the movement in Calcutta was spontaneous and as the Viceroy explained in his speech, he was present, not as the head of the Government, but in response to an invitation conveyed to him by the Sheriff on behalf of the citizens of the metropolis, the non-official public, prompted by its own generous impulses to show a practical sympathy with suffering.

In the view of Lord Minto the time has come for the general public to occupy the larger field open for charity and to undertake the organisation necessary to ensure that public beneficence shall be a fellow-worker with the State. That being the principle on which the charitable effort is to be recognised, the Viceroy suggested a scheme on which it should be directed. Funds are to be used, in the first instance, for the purpose of supplementing the subsistence ration which is alone provided from public funds by the addition of small comforts, whether of food or of clothing, for the aged or the infirm, for patients in hospital, for children and the like; secondly, in providing for the maintenance of orphans; thirdly, in relieving the numerous poor but respectable persons who will endure almost any privation rather than apply for Government help—the relief of such cases of destitution to be officially enquired into; fourthly, in restoring to their original position when acute distress is subsiding those who have lost their all in their struggle for existence and in giving them a fresh start in life. Expenditure from charitable funds upon such objects will, His Excellency thinks, both supplement and aid at each critical stage of the famine what the Government can do for the relief of distress. "It will cheer the hearts of workers in the relief camps by supplementing and varying the monotonous ration and will give them strength to endure it. It will assist thousands of destitute widows and orphans and women and children, unable to accompany their husbands and fathers in search of relief; it will give a new chance of life to very many suffering from diseases incidental to famine who would rather die than go to a public hospital and whose recovery depends not so much on medical treatment as on diet; it will enable thousands of families whose livestock has disappeared and whose grain stores are depleted at the end of the famine to make a fresh start with cattle and agricultured implements and will save them from lapsing into poverty."

The object of the movement, therefore, is satisfactorily explained and no one can accuse the Government of shirking its legitimate responsibilities or of any desire to throw upon private charity the work it is expected and well able to do. Supervised and administered as a measure supplementary to the official relief operations, there can be little doubt that the funds will be wisely applied, the great danger with regard to private charitable effort being the indiscriminate manner in which funds are distributed. It may become necessary to appeal to charitably disposed persons in England and to ask for a Mansion House Fund, but we sincerely hope not. India is not the poor country it is represented to be by a very long way. There is enough money and to spare for all her wants and her Government and her wealthy citizens are quite able to comply with all the demands necessity will make. It is humiliating to stand in the beggar's garb whenever any little misfortune befalls us. There are those among us who declare that India can stand by herself and govern herself. Here is an opportunity, at all events, to prove that she can stand alone. Lord Minto expressed the opinion that it is only right to give residents in other parts of India than those in the affected provinces an opportunity of assisting their less fortunate fellow-subjects of the King Emperor. So that there can be no possible objection, especially as all parts of the country will be more or less injuriously affected. At the worst it is felt that the famine now upon the land is not to be compared in severity or in its dimensions with the last two great famines, though it has the distinguishing feature to which the Viceroy called attention on Tuesday that the prices of food-grains are much higher than in the great famine of 1900 and distinctly higher than in 1897, though the labouring and artisan classes have to some extent been saved from distress by the gradual, increased demand for labour, and though cultivators in the fortunate position of having a surplus to save have benefited by the rise in prices, there is, on the other hand, an actually larger number than in former years of respectable poor people whom custom and tradition forbid to apply for Government relief. To these prohibitive prices mean the most terrible distress and suffering. It will thus be seen that although Government is hopeful and considers itself well able to deal with the situation, the purchasing power of its funds is smaller than in former years and pecuniary aid, measured by what it will procure, must be less effectual than hitherto. The private effort, therefore, which has been inaugurated in Calcutta, has much to commend, and we trust that Bombay will not show herself reluctant to join the rival city in this excellent cause.

TRADE WITH WESTERN CHINA

LORD RONALDSHAY is evincing a keen interest in Asiatic subjects, and recently before the Central Asian Society he read a paper on Some Problems of Western China: Commerce, Communications and Reforms. It was Sir Thomas Holditch who said that the wealth of the highly developed provinces of Western China bears about the same proportion to the prospective value of the as-yet-undeveloped Sudan, for instance, as does that of the City of London to that of any ordinary market town in England. Lord Ronaldshay holds that the potentialities of British Commerce with Western China have been overrated. One point he pressed home was that the physical features of Yunnan caused the external trade of Ssuchuan, amounting to some four and three-quarter millions a year to pass through the town of Changking and up and down the 1,400 miles of the Yangtse between that town and the sea. Then he dealt with the difficulties of passing through the Yangtse gorges to reach Changking and decided that all schemes for making the passage easier were chimerical. At present the freight in English shirtings from Shanghai to Changking is £ 5/12 which is considerably more than double that from Manchester to Shanghai, while that on other goods exceeds forty per cent. of their value. Of the possible nature of trade little that is encouraging was said. The most likely market is in grey piece-goods and even these are unable to find a good market, because their size makes them wasteful in the Chinese tailor's hands. As regards exports only "a resolution in the character of the official classes" it was said, can secure the development of the mineral wealth of the provinces. The possibility of a British line being carried into China, if not for commercial for political reasons, was the subject of the last section of the paper. "I have sometimes heard it said," remarked Lord Ronaldshay "that the line of country to be followed by Great Britain with a view to opening up a direct trade route with Western China, is across a comparatively narrow strip of country between Sadiya in Assam and Batang on the confines of China and Tibet. I cannot conceive of any route less likely to benefit British trade. If Batang were on the borders of the commercially valuable portions of Ssuchuan, such a route would, indeed, speedily become the highway into the Province, but it is nothing of the sort. It is in fact 18 days distant from the true Chinese border at Tachien-lu . . . Even so, were the country between Batang and Ta-chien-lu of a comparatively level nature, a railway would overcome these objections, but far from the country being even comparatively level, it is a perfect labyrinth of stupendous mountains . . . The much-discussed question of the practicability of railway routes from Burma has, however, at length been answered in the affirmative and it is the time-worn trade route from Bhamo via Teng Yeh to Tali Fu that expert opinion has finally fixed upon as the line of least resistance." In conclusion Lord Ronaldshay says: "The results of the works thus undertaken during the spring and early summer of 1907 are now in the hands of the Indian Government and will be found to have established the fact, so long disputed, that at the expense of a considerable increase in mileage over the caravan route, no insuperable engineering difficulties stand in the way of the construction of a light railway the whole way from Bhamo to Tali Fu. It now rests, therefore, with the British Government to decide whether or not they are prepared to demand the right admitted by Prince Ching in reply to a note from Sir E. Satow in 1902—to equal privileges with France in the development and opening up to the world of the provinces of Western China."

THE E. I. R. AND THE COAL TRADE.

THE annual meeting of the Indian Mining Association provoked many strictures on the East India Railway and its methods for meeting the requirements of the coal industry. The Chairman described the question as a never-ending source of worry to the trade, for they were no nearer a solution than they were when it first obtained prominence. Mr. Dring had something to say in reply which somewhat discounts the force of the attack. He asked, he stated, what the annual increase of coal was likely to be, and he was informed that it would be about a minimum of half-a-million tons. For this, he says, he endeavoured to provide, and if the coal trade was unable to foresee that the increase would be a million tons, he hardly feels responsible for the effects of the miscalculation. The attitude is not unreasonable, especially when coupled with a policy to spend fifty-two lakhs in the coming year on wagons and fifty-seven lakhs in locomotives to haul them. These, with other items, bring the expenditure contemplated, before the end of March next year, to one hundred and ninety-two lakhs, which sounds a lavish provision until it is remembered that the basis of calculation was on an admitted shortage. What is needed—the East Indian Railway is not alone in this matter—is enough money to bring the plant up to the requirements of to-day with a further immediate grant to prepare for expansion. This is the necessary division of the right policy and the most important, because the more pressing need is to catch up to the requirements of to-day. Mr. Lee states that the shortage is worse than ever it was. "When we address a Railway Authority on this subject," he said, "we are generally told that the Railway is now carrying more coal, and more other goods than ever. Of course it is. Is it to be expected that the East Indian Railway, of all railways on earth, would stand still? The trade of the country is only beginning, but it is just nascent trade that requires ample facilities. The history of the East Indian Railway, as far as most of us can remember it, is that it has provided facilities grudgingly and in response to incessant outcry on the part of the trades which found themselves bound and strangled by the want of transport and other facilities. Sometimes, the old story is repeated that for part of the year the demands of the coal trade are so much below the capacity of the Railway that a very large number of wagons stand idle, and that, of course, if wagons were increased the number idle would be increased and the idle time extended." We are well aware that this answer has been made, but it does not tally with Mr. Dring's complaint that the coal trade has expanded more than he was led to expect. If there is any truth in the rumour, referred to by Sir Ernest Cable, that the Bengal-Nagpur and East Indian Railways are endeavouring to participate in the Bokaro-Ramghar coal field, it is clear evidence that Railway opinion is that the industry is likely to be far more prosperous than it is to-day and that should be sufficient reason for greater consideration being shown. The mining industry is the heaviest loser, but there is scarcely a big industry in India which does not suffer from the backwardness of the railway in granting facilities.

LEAVE FOR INDIAN GOVERNORS.

WE are sorry we cannot agree with Lord Lamington and Lord Curzon as to the desirability of giving Viceroys or Provincial Governors leave during their term of office. Lord Lamington, in the House of Lords on Tuesday, declared the existing regulation to be antiquated and injurious to the public interest. Bombay's experience does not altogether teach us that. And the point raised by Lord Beauchamp was particularly applicable: "Would Lord Curzon wish to see the Viceroy hurrying to catch the next steamer after the Commander-in-Chief if the latter were sent for home to consult the Council of India?" As Lord Curzon admitted the case was not without personal application, but neither would proceed home without the consent of the Council. Precisely so, and, if the consent were refused, Viceroys and Governors would resign, leaving the situation precisely as it is to-day. No, the amendment proposed is neither necessary nor desirable. If the Council of India sends us out Governors and Viceroys whose physical strength will not permit of their staying five years—even after all the changes of scene and climate which are permitted—so much the worse for the Council of India. If Governors and Viceroys doubt their capability to battle with five short years of Indian damp and heat, a medical test must be introduced. That will ensure more securely the continuity of policy in India than giving permission to Governors to run home at will, with, or without, the consent of the Council of India. And Lord Elgin gave utterance to a very profund truth when he declared that it would not increase confidence in the Government if the temporary succession of the Viceroy were left to the chance of who might be the Senior Member of the Council. The subject then dropped, we are told, and we do not think it deserved any better fate.

THE German East Africa Line Steamer Reichstag arrived at Mombasa from Bombay on the 17th instant.

MAJOR-GENERAL PEARSON, Inspector-General of Volunteers, is proceeding on five months' leave.

AN announcement regarding the separation of the Executive and Judicial, is, the "Indian Daily News" hears, to be made, before the Government of India leave for Simla.

THE sudden death at Cuttack, of Mr. B. R. D. Mehta, I. C. S., is reported. The Parsee meeting in connection with the proposed erection of a new Tower of Silence, is consequently postponed.

A DRUNKEN native attempted on Sunday to assault with a 'lathi' a lady who was driving with Mr. C. W. C. Plowden, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, in the Native quarter of Calcutta. Mr. Plowden seized the man and handed him over to the Police.

THE "Bengalee's" Noakhali correspondent reports the rough handling of the Rev. Mr. Ings, Protestant Missionary, at Munshirat, ten miles from Noakhali by Mahomedan villagers. The crowd, it appears, attacked him, as he was preaching. The D. S. P., Noakhali, has gone to the scene of the occurrence

MR. R. M. DANE, Inspector General of Excise, who has been lately enquiring into the subject of toddy production in the Berars, will proceed to Simla early next month, on completion of his cold weather tours of inspection.

VARIOUS changes, calculated to simplify the receipt and despatch of telegrams, and quicken up actual signalling operations, will, it is understood, be made within the course of the next few fweeks. There will especially be a marked reduction in clerical work.

THE Outlaws, who killed the Munshi and servant of Mr. Crump, the Political Officer, are believed to belong to the Mahsud's gang. The party was attacked in the Khuzma Nullah on the 13th instant while Mr. Crump was in camp, and the gang escaped before help could be given.

ON Tuesday last the Irishmen of Allahabad, with a few other friends, gave a farewell entertainment, at the Club, to Sir William and Lady Burkitt and Miss Burkitt. The entertainment took the form of a Concert and Dance, to which the whole station was invited. There was a large attendance.

THIS afternoon at 4, at the Gaiety Theatre, Miss Beatrice Erle's Company will repeat their version of the story of "Dick Whittington" and his cat, which is full of merriment from begining to end; and is sure to be voted great by the children. The piece is made the opportunity for no end of topical songs and funny jokes, and is well worth seeing.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 1st February, 1908, amounted to Rs. 2,699, being an increase on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 412. The total earnings from 1st January to 1st February, 1908, were Rs. 12,792, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 3,289.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 1st February, 1908, amounted to Rs. 28,757, being an increase on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 2,990. The total earnings from 1st January to 1st February, 1908, were Rs. 1,12,005, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 44.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 1st February, 1908, amounted to Rs. 5,937, being a decrease on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 570. The total earnings from 1st January to 1st February, 1908, were Rs. 26,946, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 4,334.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

DECENTRALIZATION FROM THE INDIAN POINT OF VIEW.

THERE is a disposition among Indians to regard the Decentralization Commission with misgivings rather than hope. If the main object to be served by it were merely a transfer of certain powers from the Imperial to the Provincial Governments, from one class of officials to another class, then they apprehend that it would be productive of more evil than good. But it is clear that its scope is not so limited. The enquiry is comprehensive enough to include almost any subject of Indian interest, social, political and administrative. Representatives of every class and every community have been permitted to give free vent to their thoughts, and the Commission has thus laid before it a mass of opinions, embarrassing in their divergence and multiform variety. Mr. Hobhouse, the president of the Commission, has cast his net far and wide. No public question, no national or sectarian grievance, is held to be outside its purview. Almost anything may be labelled "Decentralization," in order to ensure a patient hearing by the Commission. Regarding it from the official point of view, there seems to be a strong feeling that there should be a delegation of larger powers to provincial administrations, and that district officers should have a better scope for the exercise of their discretion. We have had it from no less an authority than Mr. Morley that the district officer has come to be a mere piece of mechanism, rigid, hide-bound and soulless, who scarcely lives outside his daily toil and has little time to cultivate social relations with the people among whom he works. Indians are not of opinion that only decentralization is needed to transform him into a social being ready to cultivate their acquaintance. The feeling among my countrymen is that barring certain readjustments of revenue, so as to allow greater freedom to Provincial Governments with regard to expenditure, there should be no relaxation or curtailment of the central authority over their doings. They are afraid that the delegation of powers, which are not subject to supervision or revision, is likely to make local officers arbitrary and irresponsible, and that it would leave an opening for pretty despotisms, harrassments and annoyances. Mr. Gokhale, the spokesman of advanced liberalism, emphasized this view in his evidence when he said, "the provincial officers have, indeed, on their side the advantage of more intimate knowledge of local conditions and local needs; but as against this, the officials of the Government of India may claim a much greater freedom from local prejudices and local prepossessions, and a wider outlook; and these are qualities which are of great importance in a country governed as India at present is." Mr. Bal Gangadher Tilak is also of the same opinion. There is much truth in his observation that "the estrangement" between the bureaucracy and the people will not be lessened by allowing more latitude to district officers, because it arises from causes which will be affected by the proposed remedy in the slightest degree. The gulf is unfortunately widening with the growth of new ideas and aspirations.

PANCHAYETS WITH PLENARY POWERS.

The opinions of Mr. Gokhale and Mr. Tilak on decentralization and the recommendations they have made are so striking in their similarity that one might have supposed they had carefully compared notes before giving their evidence. Devolution, as understood and advocated by them, is "the transfer of authority and power not between officers themselves, but from officers to the people, and that, too, in no ungrudging spirit." Mr. Tilak candidly admits in his evidence that the scheme propounded by him, regarding the constitution of Taluka Boards and Village Councils "implies a certain amount of definite public control even over Provincial Councils; and the Provincial contract system will have to be revised, not merely to give the Provincial government a greater stability of control over its finances, but by further decentralization to secure for the public representative bodies adequate assignments of revenue." They both advocate the creation of Village Panchayets, with wide and ample powers, as the foundation of their grand scheme of self-government. They would invest these Panchayets with civil and criminal jurisdiction, with administrative functions in connection with public works and the managements of village forests, with the carrying out of measures of famine and plague relief, the distribution of grants for Tagavi, and the supervision of schools. Supposing for a moment, that it is advisable to arm the Panchayets with powers so vast and formidable, and so extensive in their range and variety, it is open to serious doubt whether they are fit for the proper and tolerably efficient discharge of these duties. The functions to be assigned to them presuppose a high degree of intelligence and public spirit, which, I think, they do not possess. They cannot even claim the preliminary educational qualification. And can we be sure that with public spirit they combine the moral sense that will make no distinction between castes and sects, between one rival faction and another, and that they will subordinate personal predelictions and personal interests to the common good? Anticipating such obvious criticisms, it is admitted by Mr. Gokhale that we must be prepared for defects and shortcomings in the beginning. But in the existing mental and moral condition of the masses, poor ignorant and uncultivated, the very ground is not yet ready for the creation of parish councils holding the destinies of their several areas under their absolute control. I think it was Robert Lowe who said in the House of Commons, when the franchise was extended to the working classes: "Now, gentlemen, let us educate our masters"; and we should have to express a similar sentiment with greater reason and justice in its application to the present case, if rustics were encumbered with plenary powers, as recommended by these publicists.

MAHOMEDANS AND DECENTRALIZATION.

Mr. Rafiuddin Ahmed appeared before the Commission, as the spokesman of the All-India Moslem League. His idea of decentralization is that the political power and influence enjoyed by the Hindus, and the public offices and emoluments of which they have a virtual monopoly should be divided, in fair proportion, between Hindus and Mahomedans. He put forward the old complaint that under existing conditions, although everyone has theoretically an equal chance, the Musalmans have practically none, and that unless the rights of the Mahomedan minorities everywhere are defined, respected and safeguarded, they will always be out-matched and overthrown by their more numerous and better educated neighbours. Mr. Rafiuddin found fault with the Government for the depressed state of his community but it did not occur to him to say to what extent they were themselves responsible for it. It has been advanced against the special pretensions of the Musalmans that the public welfare is not, and cannot be, the monopoly of a particular class or community, and if public men, to whatever class they may belong, were to achieve any good, it becomes the common property of the country to be enjoyed by all its inhabitants. This is a plausible argument which Mr. Rafiuddin takes pains to repudiate, although Government has already accepted the validity of the special claim made on behalf of the Mahomedan community. "As a community," observes their exponent, "we have interests which are not shared by other communities, and which not infrequently conflict with those of the Hindus, and it is therefore a matter of life and death for us to have a separate representation of our community in the Municipalities." I do not know what decentralization has to do with the perennial problem of the social relations of Europeans and Natives. But Mr. Rafiuddin was allowed to disburden his soul of the popular grievance. He naively suggests that Government officers should take no prominent part in the organization or administration of clubs which are not open to native gentlemen. This is not a question which can be dealt with by means of an official order, or by rules and regulations. Social relations can only be established on a purely voluntary principle. If Englishmen choose to have clubs of their own, it would not, in the first place, be self-respecting on the part of natives to thrust their society on them against their will. While I am on this subject I might just quote the observation of H. E. the Governor, in his speech at the foundation ceremony of the Orient Club, that he was certain if everyone in India were imbued with the spirit which animated Sir Lawrence Jenkins, we should hear a great deal less about unrest. I said much the same thing last week in my paragraph about the late Chief Justice, and this is a point worth inculcating.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR.

A brief paragraph appeared in the papers a short while back announcing the formation in Bombay of a Society for the Relief of the Poor. Poverty is a relative term, and I do not know what classes of the poor it is intended to relieve, and by what means. I do not think the Society will do anything to encourage indiscriminate almsgiving, of which there is a great deal in this country. It cannot, I suppose, be its aim to collect a crowd of beggars, deserving and otherwise, at its doors clamouring for their daily dole. There are Hindu Sadawrats and Mahomedan mosques, where mendicants, the sturdy ones especially, fare well enough. India is the land of beggars, and Bombay is its El Dorado on this side. If the Society will leave them alone, it has, nevertheless, an immense field before it for its charitable operations. There are thousands of poor who maintain themselves, not by begging, but by toiling, and help may be administered to them in various ways. Towards this class may be extended the ministrations of the Society in sickness and sorrow, in lifting them from degradation, in making their lives cleaner and brighter, in taking charge of juveniles left to a life of crime and immorality, in promoting enlightenment among them and raising their moral standard. These poor classes are, moreover, sorely in need of lessons in thrift and in sanitation. There are thousands who may be weaned from the grog shop to the allurements of the tea-shop. Their dismal lives should be cheered by harmless amusements. The Society will find valuable hints for its guidance, if it will study the institutions existing in London for the benefit of the poor. When we come to think of it, we see that relief may be extended to the poor in a hundred ways. It is an enormous burden for the Society to undertake. I do not know if it is prepared for it. It may be that it is going to confine its operations within an extremely narrow and limited sphere. Everything will depend upon the response it will receive from the wealthy. Its value and usefulness will be in proportion to its resources.

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THE NEW PRIVATE SEGRETARY.

MR. LAURENCE ROBERTSON, of the Glasgow Academy, Glasgow University, Balliol College, Oxon., has just received charge of the office of Private Secretary to His Excellency Sir George Clarke from Mr. P. R. Cadell, proceeded to Calcutta as Commissioner of Customs in that city. Mr. Robertson is a Civilian of fifteen years' service, and arriving in this country in December 1893, was placed under the Collector of Ahmedabad to learn the routine of official business. For a period of four years, he did good work in Ahmedabad as Assistant Collector and Magistrate, then as Collector and Magistrate and District Registrar, and officiated for a short time as Talukdari Settlement Officer. In September 1897, he was transferred to Bombay as Assistant Collector, and was entrusted with the work of compiling the General Administration Report of the Bombay Presidency for 1896-97. Mr. Robertson worked for a short time as Assistant Collector and Magistrate in Belgaum, and was in November 1898 transferred to Sind as Colonization Officer on the Jamrao Canal. In July 1901, we find him officiating as Collector and District Registrar in addition to carrying on the duties of Assistant Collector and Magistrate in Hyderabad. He had a year's furlough on medical certificate from November 1901 to December 1902, and on his return to this country in the latter month, was sent to Ahmedabad as Special Survey Officer; and from April 1903, officiated as Talukdari Settlement Officer in Guzerat in addition to his own duties.

In July 1903, when he had put in ten years' good service in the Bombay Presidency, Mr. Robertson was transferred to Calcutta, where he officiated as Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, and was confirmed in the appointment in March 1904. Having ably discharged the duties of the office till 1st June 1907, he left on furlough to Europe for six months. He has had a short extension and has, on his return to Bombay, been appointed Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

THE LATE RIOT.

Government Resolution.

Regarding the recent disturbances in Bombay in connection with the Mohorrum festival the following Government Resolution has been issued by the Judicial Department :—

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Commissioner of Police and his officers and men are deserving of every commendation for the manner in which they dealt with a situation serious in itself and fraught with danger to the peace of the entire City of Bombay. He desires also to express cordial recognition of the assistance rendered by the Naval and Military authorities, and of the admirable behaviour of the sailors and the troops placed on duty in the streets. The loss of life which unfortunately occurred is very much to be regretted, but the Governor in Council is satisfied that, in the circumstances, it could not have been avoided.

WEDDING AT KARACHI.

Lindesay-Down.

A very pretty though quiet wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday last, when Miss Violet Down was married to Mr. F. S. Lindesay, of the 29th Baluch L. I. Regiment. The bride, who looked particularly graceful and distinguished, wore a dress of ivory chiffon over satin, the train being a mass of tiny fluffy chiffon frills, with orange blossoms in her hair and at her throat and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and ferns. The bridegroom was in full uniform and attended by Mr. R. Beaumont as best man. Punctually at 5-45 the bride arrived with Mr. Younghusband, Commissioner in Sind, by whom she was given away. After the service, which was read by the Rev. J. Syme, the officers present, including two native officers of Mr. Lindesay's regiment, drew their swords to form the customary arch for the bridal couple to pass through, and all drove to Government House where after congratulations had been duly offered a photograph of the party was taken in which the "sipahis" in the Depot here of the 29th Baluch L. I and the non-commissioned officers were included. The cake was then cut and the bride and bridegroom's health proposed by Mr. Younghusband and responded to by the bridegroom, after which the newly married couple left in a shower of rice and rose leaves for Sehwan for the honeymoon. Owing to all the arrangements for the wedding having been made at very short notice only a few personal friends of the bride and bridegroom were asked to witness the ceremony.

IT is proposed to construct a mono-rail railway between Nairobi and Kiambu, at Maseras, Vei, and Malindi, all in British East Africa.

MR. EDWARD HENRY STROBEL, an American, who had been General Adviser to the Siamese Government since 1903, and who had previously been United States' Minister Plenipotentiary at various places, died of blood poisoning on January 15, writes a Bangkok correspondent. He was greatly respected on all sides, and had done a vast amount of good work for Siam. King Chulalongkorn attended the funeral in state—a mark of honour which he has never bestowed upon any European before. There is much discussion as to his probable successor in office. For obvious reasons the new adviser is not likely to be the subject of any Power which has great interest, either commercial or political, in Siam. France will make an effort to secure the post for a M. Ponsot, at present one of the Assistant Advisers and a man of undoubted ability. But, in spite of recent "rapprochements," Siam has never forgotten the events of 1893, and in all probability Mr. Strobel's successor will be found in either an American or a Swiss. Whoever it be will by no means find the post a bed of roses, as the late Adviser was compelled, through long illness, to leave a great mount of work unfinished.

BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

An article in one of the weeklies on the "Centenary of 'Marmion'" is a reminder that that poem was published on February 23, 1808. Among the interesting points on which the writer does not touch is one connected with a snatch of ballad poetry that is inwoven into the narrative. It is the song which Marmion is supposed to hear sung in Norham Castle by a Northern minstrel, and is to be found in the thirteenth stanza of the first canto. The ballad from which the lines are extracted, and which, with the necessary illuminative matter, is printed in full in the notes, and, under the title "The Death of Featherstonehaugh," figures in the "Border Minstrelsy," is, as is now well known, a complete fabrication. "H. Surtees, Esq., of Mainsforth," who had passed it on to Scott as having been taken down from the recitation of an old woman of Alston Moor, had, in fact, spun it out of his own imagination, and the fact that it was possible to foist a pseudo-antique on an expert in ballad lore so nearly infallible as Sir Walter Scott is something for those to ponder on who are all for treating ballads as serious historical sources. Scott had, indeed, some excuse in the great antiquarian learning of his correspondent. Surtees was one of those men of whom, if there were a Muse of antiquarian studies, one might say that "her kiss was on his lips ere he was born." Something of the "rust of the study of antiquity," it is said, had passed into his manners, but he had a touch of humour, was full of the ballad spirit, and could enter sufficiently into Scott's passion for the northern side of the Border to feel the "connection between the features of the country and the character of her minstrel and warrior children," and how there "the shepherd's reed and the bugle of the chieftain both sound in magic unison with the scenes that surround us." When, accordingly, he introduced himself to Scott in a letter containing valuable information on Scott's favourite topic, the latter was immediately conscious of a kindred spirit, and when a second letter enclosed the "Death of Featherstonehaugh," such a ballad, vouched for by such an authority, was received without even a momentary suspicion of its genuineness. Scott never knew he had been imposed upon. It was only in 1835, when the Wizard had been three years in his grave and Surtees himself was dead, that the editor of one of the publications of the Surtees Society gave at last the secret to the world.

THE PUCKISH SPIRIT.

That the Puckish spirit which pricked Surtees in this matter was abroad at that time is known to all who are well acquainted with the doings of the Edinburgh school. That Scott had sufficient of it himself, if not to lead him to perpetrate such practical joke, at least to permit him to chuckle when a friend carried one off successfully, is shown by his sympathy on one occasion with Hogg. Hogg had collected all the available relics of Jacobite song and published them in two volumes an exploit of which he was inordinately proud. "I produced two volumes of Jacobite relics," he says, such as no man in Scotland or England could have produced but myself." The "Edinburgh Review" was of a different opinion. A writer there trounced Hogg for his politics, censured his taste as coarse and vulgar," complained that he imitated the "bad and bald" jokes of Walter Scott," and found individual songs "dull flat and extremely indelicate" or "marked by scurrility and barefaced falsehood." He admits, however, that there were good poems also and as an example quoted in full "Donald Macgillavry," a poem, the writer said, which for sly characteristic Scotch humour seems to us the best." "Now that spirited little lyric in which the Highland clans are personified as "Donald Macgillavry" well deserved the compliment. But it was not a relic at all. It had been composed by Hogg himself the previous year, and was now in this way palmed off on a believing public. Hogg was of course jubilant, and when he carried the tale to Scott, Scott enjoyed the joke almost as much as himself.

It is very doubtful whether poetic justice overtook Surtees and he was made to suffer what he himself had inflicted. Once, indeed, in his monumental "History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham," he inserts a letter from Sir John Lesley to Sir Thomas Ridell said to have been found "amongst some old papers in the warehouse of Mr. Jackson, hop merchant in Newcastle." It is in broad Scots, and sets forth at what price and in consideration of what presents Lesley will keep the soldiers from wasting Sir Thomas's "trim garden." It is far too rich in unconscious humour to be what it professes to be, and Surtees feels it. He "fears" that it is "not genuine." Was that "fear" even by one degree short of absolute certainty? The presence of the letter in the book leaves it just conceivable. In that case Surtees was for this once hoist with his own petard.

TODHUNTER AND HEINE.

A Scottish reviewer, reviewing the other day Dr. John Todhunter's translation of the "Buch der Lieder" (in the Oxford Library of Translations), suggested that Heine could be still better translated into Lowland Scottish. So we learn from the "Periodical" (which serves as the unofficial intermittent journal of the Clarendon Press). The difficulty of translating Heine with any fine similitude—Heine the all but untranslatable—pricks one's curiosity afresh over every bid that is made at his poems, and it is the more interesting when comparisons are ventured in this way. As it happens, too, the two versions that are quoted recall four or five others of the same stanzas—one of them by no less a hand than Elizabeth Barrett Browning's. The stanzas are the familiar ones from the middle of "Mein Kind, wir waren Kinder" in the "Heimkehr." Here are (1) Dr. Todhunter's and (2) the Scottish version:—

1.

One neighbour's ancient tabby
Came often to pay a call;
We met her with bows and curtsies,
And compliments none too small.

We asked after all her ailments
With friendliest sighs and grins;
We've played that game as gravely
With many an old cat since.

2.

Frae neist door cam' auld baudrons
Richt aften us tae see;
We beckit tae her, we boo't tae her,
Made mony a laich curchie.

We aye wad spier hoo was she,
And mim we lookit an' kin;
We ha'e dune the same gay aften
Tae ither auld cats sin' syne.

Those who have never lived in Scotland or known any North-country dialect familiarly will hardly prefer the second of these. In Mrs. Browning's version, which is not so good as Dr. Todhunter's, she uses the same last line in the second verse:—

After her health we asked,
Our care and regard to evince
(We have made the very same speeches
To many an old cat since).

But there is nothing to be particularly learnt from her in considering again the elusive fragrance in Heine's verse and its strange evaporation in English. The point is this: While many of Dr. Todhunter's, like many of Miss Margaret Armour's, versions of Heine's poems can hardly be bettered, there are cases when the use of a dialect more naive in its rhythm and idiom, more subtle-simple in phrase than literary English might conceivably capture effects that have eluded them and all Heine's other translators. To warrant this opinion sundry other Scotch renderings might be cited, like that of "Madchen mit dem rothen Mundchen":—

Lassie with the lips sae rosy
With the eyne sae saft and bricht,
Dear wee lassie, I keep thinkin',
Thinkin' on thee day and nicht.

Or that of "Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten"—

I canna tell what has come ower me,
That I am see eerie and wae:
An auld-warld tale comes before me,
It haunts me by nicht and by day.

These are not conclusive, but they suggest possibilities. And having tried the Scottish dialect, why should one not have some experiments in that of Lancashire? Mr. Joseph Skipsey once attempted Heine in a few versions, we believe, in Northumbrian. Last of all, it may be mentioned, not to close the argument for using dialect, but as an encouraging fact in art, that a professor at the University College of Wales, Professor J. Morris Jones, has lately translated some of Heine's "Lieder" into Welsh, and that those who know declare his versions nearer the original than any that exist in English. There again you have a less sophisticated medium to work in, if it be not treason to say so.

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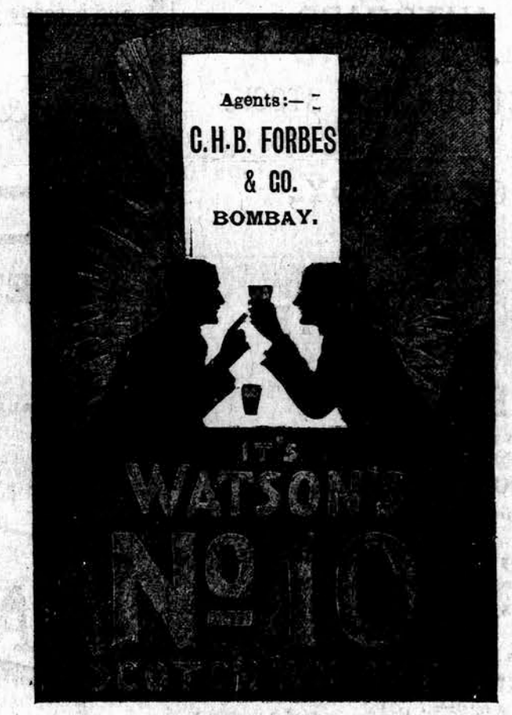

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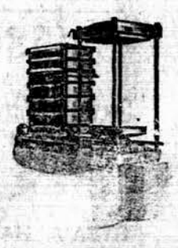
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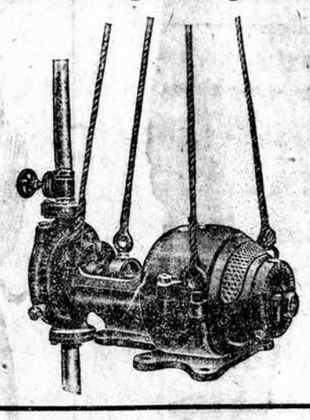

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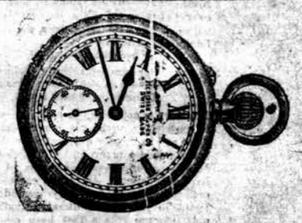

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